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## NOT OVER YET.

LI CHAI-SUM SPEAKS ON CANTON.

### HOPES FOR SUPPORT.

Hearty Reception at Formal Public Welcome.

MERCHANTS AGITATING FOR BOYCOTT OF RUSSIAN GOODS.

"Canton's difficulties have not been solved yet. In framing 'rehabilitative legislation' to eradicate the Communist Party and to sustain the banknotes I still hope for the strong support of all classes."

These words were used by General Li Chai-sum, head of the Canton Government, in his first public utterance since returning from Shanghai some days ago. The term "Canton" is used in the sense of indicating the two Kwang provinces. The occasion was the formal public welcome to him yesterday, when the ceremony was observed on the usual lines. General Li was accorded a very hearty reception and there seemed no doubt that his Party is now popular. Over 10,000 persons were present, the reception being followed by the customary parades through the city.

All the Chambers of Commerce were represented and all labour unions affiliated to the Rightist (moderate) General Union also sent delegates.

### ELIMINATING COMMUNISM.

Canton, Yesterday.

Canton merchants are agitating for a boycott of Russian goods in retaliation for pernicious attempts to damage their interests.

The boycott is not on official or semi-official lines like those in similar "campaigns of the past."

The most extensively dealt in article from Russia is oil. Merchants engaged in this line are voluntarily refraining from giving any more orders and it is expected that very little Russian oil will be left in Canton after a while, although it is cheaper than the product of other foreign companies.—An occasional correspondent.

Against Labour.

Further drastic action has been taken by the present Canton Government against labour organisations in Kwangtung, the movement having spread from the city to the provincial districts.

Mr. Ma Chiu-tsun, who has just assumed office as Commissioner for Labour and Agriculture, has ordered that all unions in (administrative) districts and cities (other than Canton) which are affiliated to the Revolutionary Workers' General Union or its branches must be closed forthwith.

This order was issued subsequent to proscription and closure of all unions in Canton city which had been connected with the Revolutionary General Union.

In its campaign against labour, the Canton Government has continued to shut down more unions in the city, a detailed list of which has little interest to non-Chinese.

It is openly stated that the Government's policy is actuated by a desire to co-operate closely with the merchants who are now petitioning for protection from labour's alleged excesses in return for their promise to raise a loan of \$10,000,000 for the Government.

The "Rightist" General Union, which has supported the present regime in the past, has ordered a very strict investigation against Communist influence. This action is attributed to a desire to save the rightist (or moderate) unions from being shut down as well.

Another General Union? Rumours continue that leaders of disbanded unions are holding secret meetings and plotting with a view to retaliation by the medium of a big strike but nothing tangible has been done so far.

From political circles, it is gathered that Mr. Ma Chiu-tsun will appoint a number of labour union officials to form a new general union, under a new name which implies supreme control over all unions. In the past there were two "general" unions, the extremist and the moderate.

### CONFLICTING REPORTS.

People's Militia Charge Reds at Lukfung?

Canton, Yesterday. Nobody knows what is happening in the Hoifung and Lukfung

districts where the Reds have run riot for months.

One source says that the Ironsides have reached Hoifung and another suggests that the anti-Red People's Militia has entered Lukfung and defeated the Communists. A third speaks of combined action against the Reds (known as the Swabue Reds) by forces supporting the Canton Government, these forces being now busily engaged in watching the Ironsides.

There is very little authentic news from the "front." Also it is not correct to say that the "doubtful" armies in the north of Kwangtung have joined General Li Chai-sum as they still appear to be sitting on the fence.—An occasional correspondent.

### \$500,000 GIFT?

Reported Payment by Canton to "Neutrals."

While the fortunes of the Kwangsi military faction continue to rise in one place and to fall in another, developments in Kwangtung remain favourable to the ruling power.

General Li Chai-sum is alleged to have consented to a promised grant of \$500,000 for several Generals who have either supported him or refused to resist him.

It will be recalled that General Fang Ting-ying, who has an army in the north of Kwangtung, suddenly declared in favour of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek (who is not working smoothly with General Li Chai-sum's faction).

When General Fang Ting-ying took about half his army of 10,000 men away with him on a march into Kiangsi province, the remaining 5,000 men stuck to their posts and, by so doing, practically pledged themselves to the Canton Government, as opposed to the Nanking Government under Chiang Kai-shek.

Effect of the "Grant."

The "China Mail" political correspondent is not surprised that the commanders of the 5,000 men who turned down temptation should have been rewarded, but understands that General Fan Shek-sang, who commands 6,000 Yunnanese mercenaries in an area near the north of Kwangtung, has also renounced his policy of neutrality and professed more active loyalty to the Canton Government.

Whatever the grant amounts to, if it is not \$500,000, has had the effect of bringing about 11,000 men closer to General Li Chai-sum. As the other 5,000 referred to have marched away, the 11,000 will garrison the vacated territory not as neutrals hitherto but as subordinates.

### MILITARY MOVES.

Papersides, Ironsides and Others.

Units of the 6th Army (the Papersides), continue to be transferred from their fastness of Hoifung.

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## WARPANT ARRIVES.

Canton Officials To Be Extradited.

BAIL AS BEFORE.

Both Men Re-Arrested On Chinese Requisition.

Wong Chong-chi and Chiu Pok-shan, the two Canton officials, were again before Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadson) again appeared for the Canton Government, whilst the fugitives were represented by Mr. F. C. Jenkin who informed the Magistrate that he had been instructed by Mr. Eldon Potter, who, it is understood, will also appear in the case. Mr. M. K. Lo who originally represented the fugitives on the charge of the unlawful possession of \$100,000 knowing the money to have been stolen, was also present in Court.

Addressing Mr. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, Mr. Lindsell said that he understood that the fugitives had been re-arrested last night under a Chinese extradition requisition.

Charge Withdrawn.

Mr. King said that that was so and that the original police charge would be withdrawn against the two men. The new charge, he said, covered all the grounds on which they were originally charged. The police had nothing more to do with the case, and from now on the proceedings would be entirely in the hands of Mr. Sheldon.

The Magistrate accordingly discharged the accused on the charge of stealing \$100,000 outside the Colony.

With regard to the extradition proceedings, Mr. Sheldon applied for a remand of the fugitives without bail.

Novel Application.

Mr. Jenkin whilst raising no objection to the remand, remarked that it was a novel application with regard to the point that no bail should be allowed. He also told the Magistrate that if a remand must be given, the case could not start until the week after next, as both he and Mr. Sheldon would be able to appear before that time.

Mr. Sheldon said that he would ask for a three days' remand only. Mr. Jenkin asked why the application should be limited to three days. Mr. Lindsell said that as Mr. Sheldon's application was for remand without bail, no fugitive or defendant could be kept in custody for more than three days.

Mr. Jenkin inquired if the proceedings were now under an extradition warrant, and was informed that up to the present it was under a provisional warrant.

One Million Involved.

Mr. Jenkin said that in that case, the position was the same as before, and if the fugitives did not jump bail before there was no reason to think that they would do so now. He suggested that Mr. Sheldon should give reason for his opposition to bail.

Mr. Sheldon proceeded to argue charge was larceny of \$100,000, and as far as he knew extradition was not mentioned in his Worship, and therefore it should not be in his Worship's mind.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that Mr. King had intimated that an extradition requisition was about to be made.

Mr. Sheldon proceeded to argue that before the sum involved was \$100,000, but now it was one million, and he had documents pertaining to the new charge.

Bail Allowed.

Mr. Jenkin remarked that documents were nothing. Mr. Sheldon remarked that they were translated at the E.C.A.'s office.

Mr. Jenkin: They must be proved in the ordinary way. Mr. Sheldon said that the matter of bail was entirely in his Worship's hands and he respectfully asked him to use his discretion in the matter, and to grant bail if he thought that the fugitives would appear.

The Magistrate said that he had understood that the Canton Government were attempting to make a requisition for extradition, and the fugitives knew of the application. Despite that knowledge they had appeared in Court time after time. He saw no reason for refusing bail now.

Mr. Jenkin suggested that the case start one day next week for the documents to be proved after which it could go over to the following week.

The opening of the case was accordingly fixed for the afternoon of Friday, January 20. Bail in the sum of \$50,000 each was extended.

As A Bail.

Mr. Sheldon submitted that \$50,000 was not sufficient bail to

## SOLDIER KILLED.

Motor Accident At Pokfulam.

OUT OF CONTROL.

Motor Ambulance Plunges Into Dairy Farm Grounds.

A very distressing accident occurred on Dairy Farm Hill at Pokfulam last night, resulting in Driver C. W. Begley, R.A.S.C., being killed instantly.

The accident occurred at 11 p.m., last night whilst Driver Begley was driving Military Motor Ambulance No. 693 in the direction of Aberdeen.

How the mishap occurred is not known, but the ambulance appeared to have suddenly gone out of control and plunging down to a steep embankment into the grounds of the Dairy Farm.

Driver Begley, who was thrown out, was pinned under the heavy ambulance. His head was crushed by the petrol tank and death must have been instantaneous. When found by the police and removed to the Victoria mortuary, Driver Begley had already been dead for some time. The ambulance was not very badly damaged.

Driver Begley who is only 27 years of age is stated to be a married man, and much sympathy will be felt for his wife at home.

### FINE WEEK END.

North winds, moderate, fine, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

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## COTTON FOR CHINA.

LARGE IMPORT TRADE REPORTED.

BRITAIN BEHIND?

London, Yesterday. In spite of China's internal troubles she is undoubtedly doing a very large import trade in cotton yarn and piece goods of which Britain is not obtaining anything like her share, says the annual report on China by the Far Eastern Section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, which adds: "This problem of ever increasing competition, particularly on the part of Japanese exporters and local Chinese mills, is engaging the attention of a specially strong committee who are hopeful, by some form of combined effort, to stem the tide flowing against them.—Reuter.

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### SOVIET MILLS.

Moscow, Yesterday. The seven hour day is being introduced by another eight textile mills.—Reuter.

hold the fugitives back as the case was no longer in the hand of the police.

Mr. Jenkin remarked that every one knew that the police had come into the case merely as a blind for the extradition proceedings: to make up time.

Mr. Lindsell then decided to raise bail to \$75,000 each.

Mr. Jenkin said that as that was Saturday and it was impossible for the fugitives to raise bail by merely going out into the street; it was a hardship for the accused to keep them in custody over the week-end, as they would not be able to raise the extra \$50,000 until Monday. Counsel suggested that bail be allowed to remain the same until the next hearing, when Mr. Sheldon could make a fresh application.

Mr. Sheldon did not raise any objection to this application, and Mr. Jenkin said that he was glad that they were starting in a friendly spirit. If that would continue as the case proceeded, he did not know.

The Magistrate accordingly extended bail in the sum of \$50,000 each.

## GOOD WORK.

The Ellis Kadoorie School.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS.

Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow Presents Prizes This Morning.

The Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow distributed the prizes at the Ellis Kadoorie School this morning.

Mr. F. J. de Rome, M.B.E., B.Sc., the headmaster, in presenting the report for 1927, said:—

This is the first prize-giving for three years (since January 1925) and the first at which I have had the honour to preside. Under the circumstances perhaps I may be permitted during the course of this report to touch briefly on one or two points which do not come strictly within the review for 1927. The adverse attendance of 680 before the trouble of 1925 fell to 260 on re-opening in September, 1925. Since then the numbers have gradually crept up until now it is about 440.

Many applicants have been refused admittance to all classes: it was felt that the sounder policy was to rebuild the school from the bottom rather than fill up classes with casuals who far too frequently are over-age and failures in other schools. This policy I hope will bear fruit within the next year or two when the great majority of the boys in the top class will have gone right through the school.

Helping King's.

Since February last year we have accommodated over 400 boys from King's College and the average attendance was nearly 800.

This has somewhat retarded the normal growth of Ellis Kadoorie School—we were very glad to shelter the King's boys under our spacious roof but I imagine both schools are glad to be separate entities again.

Within the last two years many improvements have been effected in the amenities of the building: the sanitary arrangements have been much improved both for boys and staff; the hitherto open class rooms on the top floor have been enclosed; electric light and overhead fans have been installed throughout; and the atrocious surface of our No. 1 Volley Ball court will shortly be a thing of the past.

Good Work.

In spite of the great congestion of last year and with many classes of almost 40 boys, the annual examination held last month showed that, on the whole, good work has been done—36 per cent. passed out of 750 examined. The upper sections of all classes were very good indeed but I am afraid the same cannot be said of the lower sections. It is significant that these boys are invariably much older and bigger than the smartest boys of a class. The good results have been achieved with much school time allotted to the silent reading of library books and to General Knowledge Lessons from "Pictorial Education" (a monthly series of admirable picture photographs) and from the newspaper for the top class. The District School Syllabus has also been considerably tightened up. The General Knowledge Lessons are, I think, the most popular lessons of the week both for teachers and taught; at the recent examination questions were set in all classes on topics outside the set books. The horizon of our lowest classes was also enlarged by geography lessons on dress, houses, habits, etc., of Eskimos, Red Indians, etc., and these were reinforced by simple dialogues, for the composition of which I am indebted to various European members of the staff.

### APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments are notified in to-day's "Gazette":—The Hon. Mr. Richard Edwin Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., to act as Chairman of the Licensing Board during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. Wilfrid Thomas Southern, C.M.G.

Mr. John Watson to act as Secretary to the Sanitary Board and Mr. Frank David Angus to act as Assistant Secretary to the Sanitary Board, with effect from the January 16, 1928, until further notice.

### TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 9/16.

## LI'S "COME BACK."

CANTON GENERAL'S RARE FEAT.

### WHY OTHERS LOSE.

Example in Leadership From North and South.

WUZHANG STORMERS NOW ACTING IN DEFENSIVE ROLES.

[By "Li Chung-yin."]

Most apparent of reasons why nobody can predict truthfully and certainly the trend of wars in China is one which even puzzled trained military observers and special correspondents when they came in large numbers last year from different parts of the world to see for themselves what was going on.

Experts have admitted in print that the most unlikely usually happens. I will venture a step further. The side which is, on paper, accredited to be the stronger, is commonly the loser!

Few non-Chinese take an academic interest in the fortunes of China's wars; but a fairly large number often ask what is going to happen; and they do so because they have something at stake directly or indirectly.

### TRAINING IS FATAL.

Good sense alone tells one that the army which keeps the Canton Government and General Li Chai-sum in power is going to prevail for some reasonable time to come.

In that event, a settled administration should follow. But there is a feeling of uneasiness which has to be accounted for and to be allayed. The Ironsides, the Papersides and other armies hover in the background. There is also the remote possibility of another Red rising. And the clement of labour may have to be contended with.

Further afield, the Canton Government has the co-operation of allies at Hankow and elsewhere, against which help must be considered the opposition from Nanking and the Leftists.

Three Salient Reasons.

Briefly, the reasons why a General in power loses to a reputedly weaker challenger are three, as follows:—

- 1.—Having lived for a time on the fat of the land, his men become too wealthy to risk battle.
- 2.—In the process of expansion, his own subordinates become too powerful to be stopped from rebellion.
- 3.—Intermixing with politics to enhance his own position and thereby falling between the two unsafe stools of civil government and military domination.

There is another important factor—the preference of compromise to direct settlement of an issue—but this is not a separate cause.

Chiang Kai-shek's Experience.

Chiang Kai-shek, who has just resumed his post as Generalissimo of the Nationalist Armies, is an example of those who fall because subordinates become too powerful.

General Li Chai-sum, who ruled Canton in Chiang Kai-shek's absence at the front, could not resist the temptation of setting himself up. For a long while, he continued remitting large sums from Canton to Nanking but the inevitable break came at last and not so long ago.

Other Nationalist Generals in the field felt their power grow and they combined together to bring about Chiang Kai-shek's resignation.

Examples in North and South.

There are many other examples. Marshal Wu Pei-fu, at the time the strong man of China, fell because his subordinate, the "Christian General," turned against him.

General Li Chai-sum was temporarily eclipsed in Canton because his subordinates, the Ironsides, launched a coup against him. The Ironsides first won fame as a division of a few thousand men in Li Chai-sum's own army.

Danger of Politics.

As regards mixing in politics, the Ironsides will serve for the purpose of this article.

They got into power but found themselves in the minority. Unable to obtain recruits on the spur of the moment, they tried to strengthen their hands with political ties, embracing the Leftist clique of politicians who have been described as the "Canton group" and who are alleged to be pro-Communists.

The Reds got out of hand and ran riot in Canton. The Ironsides were disgraced and had to leave because of antagonistic public opinion.

Obstacle to Fighting.

The Ironsides and the Kwangsi army under General Li Chai-sum both provide illustrations of how the faction in power cannot fight.

When the Ironsides rose in November, the Kwangsi troops (who had been in control) retreated without making a stand. When the Kwangsi troops (then out of power) staged a come-back in December, the Ironsides withdrew without firing a shot to try and keep what they had gained so easily!

Training is Fatal!

"Give a Chinese soldier, and for that matter preferably a Southerner, a rifle and enough rounds of ammunition, with nothing in his haversack, and he will scrap to the last ditch," said a foreign officer who has seen service in the Chinese army, "especially when he does not know when 'chow' is coming and when pay is indefinite."

On the other hand, it is contended that systematic training and treatment will prove fatal. A soldier must be in the pay of a rich general before he can be spared for drill and the result is that he soon gets rich himself.

Jealousies and Disunion.

When the Nationalists were hammering away at the key to Hankow, they were thankful for the fact that the various Northern Generals opposing them were jealous of each other and therefore not conducting the campaign in unison.

Some of those very same Nationalist Generals who directed the storming of Wuchang are now in the position of defenders and they are making the same mistake in their defence against the Hunanese army, namely, that of not acting together because of squabbles for power.

Li Chai-sum an Exception.

Desire to compromise has been evident in armies all over China. A defeated unit is invariably taken over by the winning side, only to cause more trouble. As a result, one sees armies shooting for conflicting principles without the least shame and then renouncing them again.

Very few defeated Generals have ever won back. A number of those ousted from Canton in the past wisely remained in Hong Kong bringing large investments with them.

General Li Chai-sum is one of the few exceptions which make the rule. Within a month or so, he has re-established himself. By having done so, he has accomplished a rare feat which may augur well for him and for his government.







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F. HAYLEY BELL, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon & District.

York Buildings, Hong Kong, 13th January, 1928.

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## "SCREENNEWS."

NOTES & COMMENTS FROM THE FILM COLONY.

## AMONG THE STARS.

(By "The Hollywood Boulevardier.")

The engagement is announced between William "Buster" Collier, Jr. and Dorothy McCarthy. The former is at present working in "The Lion and the Mouse."

Irving Thalberg and Norma Shearer have left California on the first lap of their honeymoon trip to Europe.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer announces that Greta Garbo's next starring vehicle will be an adaptation of John Colton's story of the South Seas, entitled "Heat." Clarence Brown will be her director.

William Farnum, the sterling actor, who is perhaps one of the few really good artists in the movie world, has recovered from his long illness, and is at present convalescing in Santa Monica. He intends to return to the studios as soon as his health permits.

Virginia Lee Corbin, adjudged the most babyish of "Baby faces" in Hollywood, celebrated her seventeenth birthday the other afternoon with a party at her own home, where the select younger set of the film colony assembled in full force to tender congratulations to the charming blonde.

Among those present were Betty Bronson, Dolores Costello, Florence Vidor, Mary Brian, Arthur Rankin, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Conrad Nagel, Edward Everett Horton, Sally Blane, Thelma Todd, Leila Hyams and Colleen Moore.

Forthcoming pictures announced by William Fox include: "Come To My House," with Olive Borden and Antonio Moreno; "Silk Legs," with Madge Bellamy; "Sharpshooters," with Lois Moran and George O'Brien; "Very Confidential," with Madge Bellamy and Mary Duncan.

Ramon Novarro's next picture will bear the very commonplace title of "His Night." It deals with the early life of Louis XIV.

Charlie Chaplin, after much delay, has finished his picture, "The Circus," which will be released early this month. Merna Kennedy, a newcomer, makes her debut in this film opposite Charlie.

The new eccentric dance which George White introduced in his latest production on Broadway, "Manhattan Mary," is taking Hollywood by storm. It promises to be just as popular as the Charleston or the Black Bottom, and is called the Five Step.

Bessie Love and Richard Arlen gave a demonstration of it at the Ambassador the other evening, and were well applauded for taking the trouble.

Adolphe Menjou has admitted that he is engaged to a certain Kathryn Carver. We understand that Miss Carver is only a recruit to the ranks of the film notables; her former name was Katherine Hill.

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## "HORSE PLAY."

FATAL FESTIVE SEASON HAPPENING.

## MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Dr. Alexander Cannon gave evidence before Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday in the case in which a Chinese youth named Lo Ching-hing is charged with the manslaughter of another youth named Ho Kwong-hoi as the result of hitting him a blow on the head in the course of some "horse-play" among a number of St. Paul's students in the Club room of the South China Athletic Association, China Building, on Christmas night.

The doctor who is in charge of the Victoria Mortuary deposed to holding a post mortem examination on the deceased at 9.30 a.m., on December 26. He said that the primary cause of death was rupture of the left middle meningeal artery to the brain, and secondarily to internal cranial haemorrhage of a slow nature, and subsequent shock. The deceased's physical condition was very good and there was no sign of disease.

Muscular.

By the Magistrate: The deceased was of strong physique, and the muscles were well developed for a Chinese.

Comparing the height of the accused with that of the deceased, the doctor said that as far as he could make out in view of the fact that the accused was standing up, and the deceased lying down, the deceased was a shade shorter than the accused.

Proceeding, Dr. Cannon said that the most important detail of his examination of the deceased was that there were no external signs of any injury to any part of the skin of the scalp. There was a slight swelling in the region of the left temple. It commenced a little above the cheek bone and proceeded for four inches in the vertical and five inches in the horizontal.

No External Injury.

On making an incision in the centre of the swelling, the witness found extravasation of blood in the left temporal muscle. Cutting deeper to remove the scalp, the witness did not find any external injury to the skull. The witness removed the vault of the skull and found a large blood clot about three inches wide pressing on the brain on the left side. The size of the clot was approximately the same as the outer swelling—5" x 3". He removed the clot carefully and found the left middle meningeal artery on the inner side or table of the skull was ruptured. It was ruptured at a point opposite the lower part of the external swelling. As a matter of fact, the rupture had nothing to do with the swelling except that both were due to the same blow.

There was no injury to the brain beyond the slight compression caused by the blood clot. The clot was by itself sufficient, by pressure to cause death.

Blood Clot.

Replying to the Magistrate, Dr. Cannon said that the length of time it took for the clot of blood to reach a size big enough to cause pressure on the brain varied. It had been known to take 24 hours. In many cases, too, the haemorrhage might cease and then resume and cause death hours later.

Dealing with the nature of the blow, Dr. Cannon said that it must be other than that due to a fall for the following reasons:—(1) a fall on a flat surface could not cause the rupture on account of the anatomy of that particular part of the head, and (2) if in falling the side of the head came in contact with a projecting surface there would be evidence of this externally, such as a lesion of the skin, however slight.

In the witness's opinion the injury also could not have been caused by a slap of the hand, however forceful. He did not see how anyone could bring the injury about other than with a closed fist. Personally the witness had known four cases of death caused in such a way.

Natural Consequence.

Mr. Lindsell asked if the witness would say that it was the likely result if anyone was hit on that part of the head, and Dr. Cannon replied that it was the natural consequence. It was the same on the other side of the head. There was no other artery inside the head which was likely to rupture in that way.

By Detective Lane: The injury could not have been caused by being hit with the tips of the fingers of a partly closed hand. He did not see how it was possible to get that force with the fingers.

Might See Stars.

Replying to Mr. Turner, Dr. Cannon said that to cause the rupture the blow must be forceful, but not necessarily very violent. The deceased would not necessarily have fallen down after receiving such a blow. It was only possible, but witness would not say it was probable that the deceased was staggered by the blow. There was no splintering of the inner table of the skull that could be seen with the eye. If the accused had clapped the deceased on the angle of the jaw, as demonstrated in Court, that also could not have caused the injury. Any blow below a line drawn from the corner of the eye to the centre of the ear could not cause the injury.

By the Magistrate: The most that the deceased might have felt as the result of the blow, was to see

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## YOUNG MEN.

THE INTELLECTUAL AND SPORTING TYPES.

## PASSIVE RUDENESS.

What of our young men? Are they nicer than they used to be? To discuss that one has to generalize—and generalities are notoriously fallacious.

Granting that, I find that young men I meet may be divided into two very distinct classes. The first is the sporting type—possibly an officer in the Brigade of Guards, and certainly fond of outdoor sports like hunting, polo (if he can afford it), racing, shooting, and so forth.

The other is the former Oxford undergraduate type, who relies more on talk of the books he proposes to write than on the pheasants or partridges he proposes to kill, in order to entertain one in conversation.

They of the sporting type seem to have changed very little in the last fifty years. They wear the same moustaches and top hats that their fathers and grandfathers affected, whereas those of the intellectual type are inclined to wear soft black felt hats at night. (Like Communists, French detectives, and members of the Foreign Office), and are always clean-shaven for fear of being mistaken for professional soldiers—though, frankly, there is not the slightest danger of that....

## Greater Content.

As to manners: I should think that, on the whole, the young man of to-day is a great deal more conceited than his predecessors. There are fewer of him and more of us, which finds him at a premium.

This conceit is occasionally quite charming. It is always intrinsically amusing, even if sometimes rather tiresome. But is conceit bad manners? The answer must be in the affirmative, when the young man cannot parade it amusingly, and in the negative when he can.

The bad manners of the sporting type of young man usually consist in describing, in detail, throughout dinner, every fence he jumped the day before, or in explaining lengthily how he took his machine in a bunker at the 16th.... till his unfortunate victim feels inclined to scream with boredom. At a party he smokes between every dance and the next, and either leaves his cigarette burning on the side of a chippendale table, or treads it out negligently on



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### WAGES IN ARREARS.

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
A temporary suspension of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co.'s coastal service has been brought about.

Unrest exists among the sailors and firemen in the company's employment because they have not been paid for the past two or three months.

Former employees are fostering the dispute.—British Naval Wireless.

### LINER IN A STORM.

Muslim Pilgrim Receives Fatal Injuries.

When the Blue-funnel liner "Phenius" from Singapore to New York was nearing Colombo on December 29 she experienced very rough weather. She shipped heavy seas and rolled badly and, as a result, two men were injured.

On the vessel's arrival in Colombo the men were removed to the General Hospital where one of them, a Malay, who was a deck-passenger, on his way from Singapore to Mecca on a pilgrimage, died on December 30.

At the inquest it was stated that the deceased had succumbed to internal hemorrhage. The other man who was injured is still in hospital.

The "Phenius" resumed her voyage to New York after a few hours' stay in the harbour.

### SOVIET CREW.

11 MONTHS IN INSANITARY PRISON.

Peking, Yesterday.  
It is reported from Tientsin that the crew of 47 from the ex-Soviet steamer "Pamiat Leninga" who have been imprisoned in Tientsin for 11 months in very insanitary conditions and without trial, have been released and are sailing from Tientsin to Vladivostok on the 14th inst.—Reuter.

### "IRENE" PIRACY.

MEDALS FOR CREW OF SUBMARINE.

London, Yesterday.  
The Royal Humane Society has awarded its silver medals to three of the crew of Submarine "L4" for saving the lives of 30 Chinese aboard the steamer "Irene" in the Bias Bay affair on October 20.—Reuter.

### NEW CABLES.

BETWEEN ALEXANDRIA AND PORT SAID.

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FOUR MEN AND TWO WOMEN IN BYRD EXPEDITION.

Arctic Eskimos will, for the first time, be taken to the Antarctic with the projected Byrd Expedition, according to an announcement by Comdr. R. E. Byrd, who said six Greenlanders, including two women had agreed to start an Eskimo colony there.

The remainder of the expedition are whites.  
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Scores of these are from Australia and New Zealand.  
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The expedition has already been financed.  
The National Geographic Society has subscribed \$5,000, and Mr. Robert Daniel, President of the Liberty National Bank, a similar amount.

Mr. Henry Ford is providing the major portion of the equipment.  
Byrd added that there had been no definite negotiations with Col. Lindbergh, the trans-Atlantic airman, to join the expedition.

### "FOOK LI" SURVIVORS.

The master of the s.s. "Hai Hong," a Douglas steamer, on the Hong Kong-Swallow-Amoy-Foochow run, reported yesterday the rescue of 25 survivors of the wrecked s.s. "Fook Li" which is submerged on a cable S.W. of Tessara Island.

## BRITISH CLAIMS.

BRITISH VESSELS INTERNED BY TURKEY.

In the House of Commons, Sir Basil Peto asked the Secretary to the Treasury whether he could give any information as to the progress of the hearing of claims arising out of the internment of vessels of the British Mercantile Marine in Turkey during the late war, particularly whether he could say when the investigation of these cases was likely to be completed, and what progress had been made in the settlement of claims.

Mr. A. M. Samuel said the Inter-Allied Commission for amendment of damage suffered in Turkey has assessed approximately two-thirds of the total number of claims submitted to it, and is engaged in paying an advance of 40 per cent. of amounts awarded. It is not yet possible to say when the work of the Commission will be completed.

### AUSTRALIAN SERVICES.

Agreements Approved By U.S. Shipping Board.

Washington, Dec. 13.

The Shipping Board to-day approved, after a conference, of an agreement between the Matson Navigation Company and five inter-coastal lines, providing for a joint service from North Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico ports of call to Sydney, at specified rates per ton of 2,000 pounds or 40 cubic feet, the rates not being applicable to packages weighing in excess of 6,720 pounds. Through rates are provided to Australian ports beyond Sydney.

The board also approved of an agreement by the American and Hawaiian Steamship Company with the Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company, providing for movements of shipment on through bills of lading from Atlantic coast ports of the United States to Australia and New Zealand via San Francisco or Los Angeles.

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DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	8,097	27th Jan.	Straits and Bombay
MALWA	10,980	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	9,853	28th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
*KHIVA	9,185	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	10,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	21st Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
KASHGAR	9,005	15th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,980	22nd May	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th June	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	23rd June	Marseilles & London

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The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI &amp; JAPAN

NELLORE	6,853	15th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKADA	6,949	21st Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*KHIVA	9,185	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	10th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KARMALA	9,128	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*NAGPORE	5,282	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*ST. ALBANS	4,500	4th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*LAHORE	5,252	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,953	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	18th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,980	27th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	25th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

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U.S. SHIPPING AIMS AND  
ACHIEVEMENTS.

FROM LOSSES TO PROFIT.

That the 1,000-foot liner will be soon *un fait accompli* is the opinion advanced by Mr. P. V. G. Mitchell, vice-president in control of the traffic of the International Mercantile Marine Co., and in an address delivered before the Broadway Association of New York he stressed the need for larger liners in the Hudson River for berthing the Atlantic liners of to-day and those of to-morrow.

"Montauk Point," he said, "looms on the horizon as a possible big ship terminal." As to the criticisms of the disadvantages of Montauk Point as a landing place for liners Mr. Mitchell said it must nevertheless be regarded as a possibility. "The big ship," he pointed out, "is primarily a passenger ship and a fast ship, and can disregard the labour market and the freight market."

Mentioning the active competition among the British, French, German and Italian steamship companies for the Atlantic passenger trade, he said the trend is decidedly toward the construction of larger and faster ships. "I predict," he said, "that within a measurable space of time, possibly within three years, the 1,000-footer will be with us."

As an indication of the importance of the steamship traffic to New York, he stated that the annual bill of his own company for labour, fuel, provisions, supplies, &c., amounts to about \$4,400,000.

Business and tourist traffic of the steamship lines, Mr. Mitchell added, is still far below the pre-war average, due to the reduction of immigrant traffic. The total volume of passenger traffic, he said, is still only a fraction of 1 per cent. of the population of the United States, so that there are great possibilities for development in this direction.

Work of the Shipping Board.  
Captain Warren F. Purdy, assistant to Brigadier-General Dalton, vice-president and general manager of the Merchant Fleet Corporation, who spoke in place of the latter, said that in the early days of the present century American exporting interests were absolutely at the mercy of foreign flag ships, and that the United States Steel Corporation met this situation by building up an export organisation and a fleet of its own. In this way it assured itself of delivery of its products to any part of the world at reasonable rates, he said, and added:—

"That which prescience did for the United States Steel Corporation, the World War did for the great aggregation of small American exporters. Fate placed in the hands of the United States Government a great fleet of modern steel vessels, and during the two years following the war these ships ran to and from United States ports as fast as possible, delivering American products to all parts of the world and laying the basis for the prosperity which still abides with us."

"It will probably be a surprise to most of you to know that the profits earned by our fleet in these two years were so great that the operating losses since that time have not yet balanced the account. In other words, the operation of our Government-owned fleet since the close of the Great War has not yet cost the United States taxpayer one dollar."

"In 1914 there were only about twenty ships flying the U.S. flag engaged in overseas service. At the end of the shipbuilding programme in 1919 there were over two thousand ships being operated by the United States Shipping Board, in addition to many privately-owned ships which had entered the foreign trade."

## CREW ON STRIKE.

FOUR SEAMEN SENT TO  
JAIL.

Eighteen of the crew of the Lamport and Holt steamer "Moliere" were summoned at West Ham for unlawfully combining together to disobey the commands of the captain.

When the vessel got into the Thames, on the return journey to the River Plate, on November 9, the crew of trimmers and firemen left the engines and said they would not go to work unless two men were replaced.

The officers had to look after the engines, difficulty was experienced in navigating the vessel, and two collisions in the river were narrowly averted.

When two men were taken on at Gravesend work was resumed. The magistrate said there was no justification whatever for the action of the men. The four on the first watch were particularly to blame for what had happened and would each be sent to jail for one month, with hard labour.

The remainder would be discharged.

## SHIPPING ITEMS:

The Matex Company, Vlaardingen, have fitted out a steam drifter to accommodate officers and crews of tankers discharging cargoes of oil at their depots near Vlaardingen.

His Majesty's Consul-General Batavia, reports that the Government of the Netherlands East Indies have removed the quarantine restrictions imposed on arrivals from Singapore, Alexandria, and Madras.

Notices of dismissal have been given to the employees of the Star Patent Fuel Co., Ltd., numbering about 150, with a normal output of 150,000 tons per annum. New works are, however, to be erected at Cardiff Docks.

Messrs. Fleming and Ferguson, Ltd., shipbuilders and engineers, Paisley, have received a cable informing them that the single-screw dredger, "Thomas Coad," on a voyage from the Clyde to Karachi, has arrived at Port Said, all well.

A discharging feat has been accomplished at Barrow Docks by the L.M.S. Railway. The steamer "Laguna," with 2,000 tons of nitrate of soda, arrived on November 10, and 993 tons of cargo were taken from the steamer, and 1,007 tons on the 11th, the vessel leaving Barrow the next day.

A "Shipmates" sale of work promoted to provide funds for the Sailors Rest, North Wall, Dublin, realised about \$550. The committee aimed to obtain £700, but unfortunately the two days of the fête proved to be the wettest experienced. Considerable improvements and extensions have been carried out at the Rest.

According to a Reykjavik message the captain of the Grimsby trawler "Escalonia" (225 tons) has been fined 14,000 kroner (about £777) for a breach of the fishery protection laws. The catch and fishing gear were ordered to be confiscated. Previous minor convictions, it was stated, had been recorded against the vessel.

In the House of Commons, Sir Burton Chadwick, replying to Colonel Day, stated that while the steamer "Armistice" was in port at Cuba, several members of the crew became intoxicated, created a disturbance, and did some damage to the ship. There were no fatalities, and none of the ship's papers was destroyed. The seamen concerned had already been discharged, substitutes engaged, and the ship proceeded on her voyage on November 18.

## SHIPBUILDING ACTIVITY.

That recent references to the activities of Messrs. Harland and Wolff did not exaggerate the importance and comprehensive character of their production is illustrated by their having launched three vessels on one day—one at Belfast, one at Govan, and one at Greenock. At Belfast the fourth motor vessel for the King Line was floated, the King John, of 5,180 gross tons; at Greenock the steamer Nimoda for the Hain Line, of 4,820 gross tons, and at Govan the motor vessel "Pinto," for MacAndrews and Co., Ltd., of 1,345 gross tons. On the same day they laid at Belfast the keel of the ninth motor vessel for the King Line.

During the week they delivered to owners the motor vessel "Paula," of 2,770 gross tons, built at Govan for the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd., and the steamer "Zahra," of 820 gross tons, built at Govan for the Vacuum Oil Co., Ltd.

In mail week they were to deliver at Govan the "Pelayo," of 1,345 gross tons, for MacAndrews and Co., Ltd., and at Belfast the motor vessel "King Edgar," of 4,686 tons gross, the first of the nine vessels in hand for the King Line, Ltd.

These performances, following on recent accomplishments, including the delivery of the White Star liner "Laurentic," of 13,724 tons gross—which has arrived at New York—are further indications of the great capacity of the company's works.

## LASCAR CASUALTIES.

In the House of Commons, Colonel Day asked the President of the Board of Trade whether he could state the number of seamen, including Lascars, who had been killed by casualties or died from disease in vessels registered in Great Britain under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, for the 12 months ended to the last convenient date, and Sir Burton Chadwick, replying, stated that the number of deaths from all causes reported as having occurred during 1926 was 1,449, of which 96 occurred among the crews of fishing vessels.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

BREAK WITH UNION CASTLE  
LINE.

PREMIER'S HOSTILE REFERENCE.

Capetown, Dec. 19.

It is reliably reported here that the Government has decided to break with the Union Castle Steamship Company and sign a shipping contract with the Tilden Smith interests, which include the millionaire financier, I. W. Schlesinger.

The new company's proposals are to build a special fleet of cargo steamers designed to carry perishables and other cargo, and to provide a weekly service.

The Government is to give a contract for 15 years to carry all Government freight from Europe with a yearly subsidy of £100,000. No passengers or mails will be carried, but the new proposals mean that the material part of the existing mail contract with the Union Castle Company must lapse.

Government determination to break from the Union Castle Company may be inferred from the hostile references to the company made by the Premier last week. It is notorious that the Socialist members of the Cabinet have always been hostile to the company, and there is considerable feeling abroad that the company has not had a fair deal from the very start of the shipping negotiations.

## "GRAVE IMPROPRIETY."

U.S.A. Shipping Board Cancels  
Contracts.

Washington, Dec. 13.

The United States Shipping Board has adopted a resolution cancelling contracts between it and Swayne and Hoy, managing agents of a line which operates several vessels between Australia, New Zealand, and the United States, on the ground that Mr. W. S. Hill, one of the Shipping Board Commissioners, accepted a loan on note from Swayne and Hoy. Mr. Hill yesterday resigned and President Coolidge immediately appointed his successor.

The resolution states:—"In the opinion of the board, the offer and acceptance of such a loan constitutes a grave impropriety. The Board announced that a choice of new agents is to be made immediately."

Mr. Hill has issued a statement, in which he says that he never dreamed the loan would be improper, and that he was extremely surprised when he learned that agents of the Department of Justice were investigating the matter.

## Company Comment.

New York, Dec. 13.

Mr. Robert Swayne, president of the company, said: "I merely endorsed the note, and had nothing to do with the loan otherwise. I am more than astonished at the cancellation. The ships of course were going on sale next month, and we do not lose their operation."

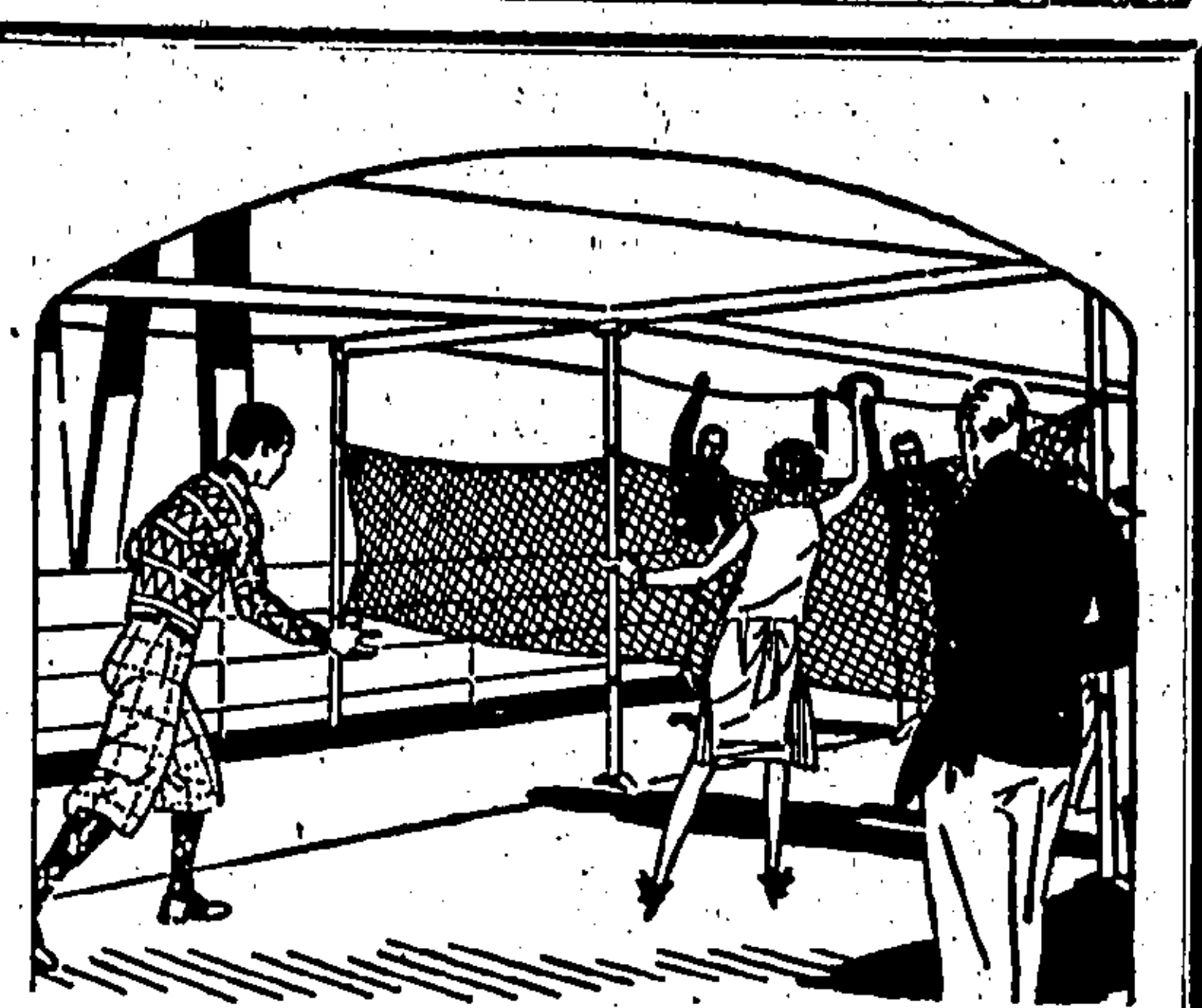
## 40 LIVES LOST.

Collision in Sea of  
"Marmora."

Constantinople, Dec. 27.

Forty lives are feared to have been lost as the result of a collision in a thick fog in the Sea of Marmara between the Turkish steamers "Marmara" and "Sevmdj." The latter, with 180 passengers on board, sank in a few minutes.

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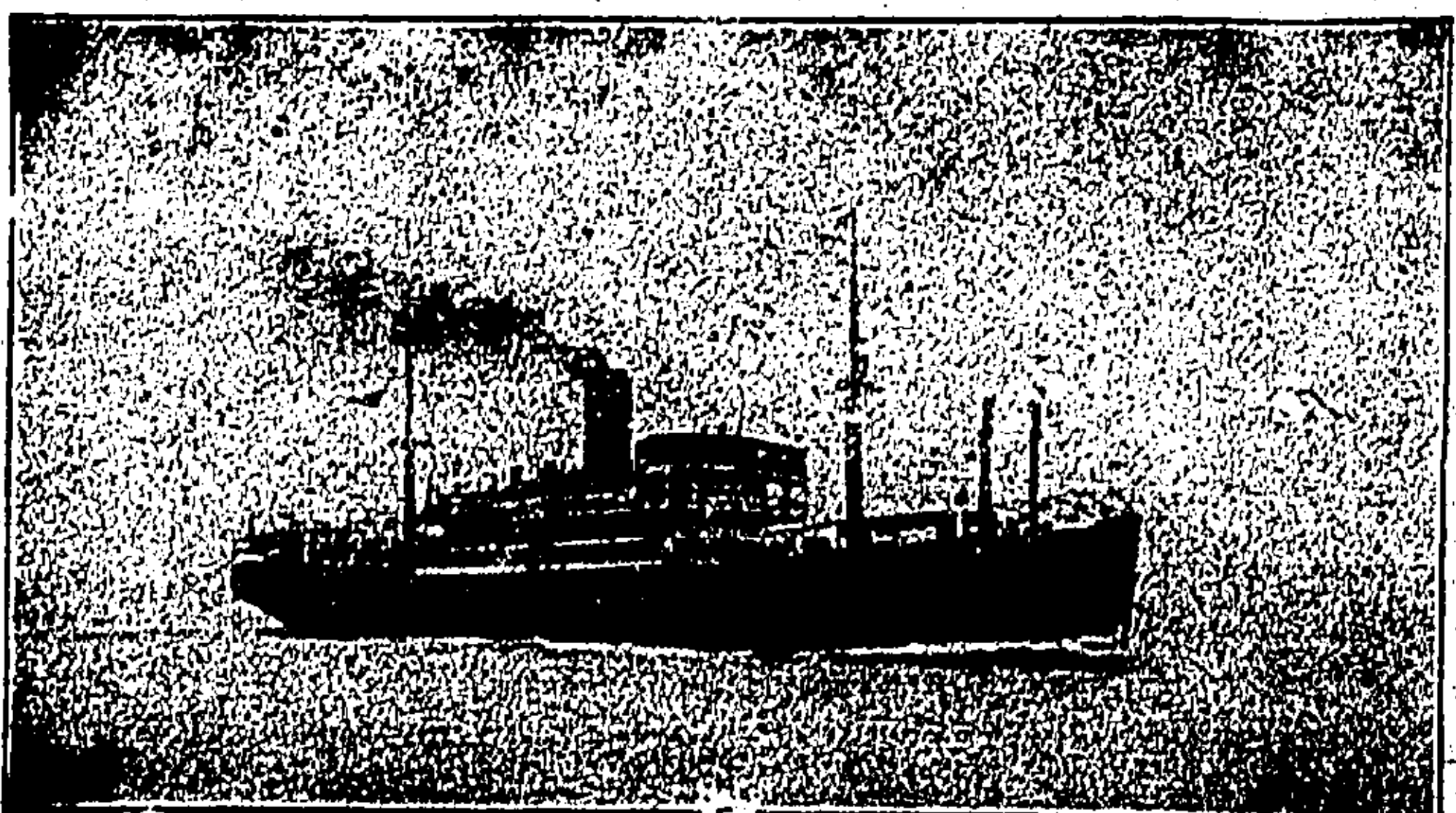
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## SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

The past week in Canton has been a quiet one and Li Chai-sun, following the procedure usually adopted when a military commander takes over an area, has requested the provision of a substantial sum of money, politely termed a loan, from the merchant and other civilian classes. One of our Chinese observers, in these columns, has pointed out that difficulty may be experienced in raising the whole of the ten million dollars demanded. Anyway, promised a degree of protection from outside and hostile forces and a degree of immunity from internal labour disorganisation, the merchants may be relied upon to supply a fairly large sum. Losses arising out of the Communist coup and the changes in central control experienced during the last three months have been considerable, and it is not surprising that many in Canton who possess money do not feel inclined to assist any more military factions, whatever they promise.

On the Yangtze during the past week, things have not been going at all well for the Nationalists. In Shanghai, the plum of their area of control, disquiet is again evidenced by reason of the activities of what are described as Northern agents. Exactly from whence they come or what they are doing has not been said, but it is highly improbable that they belong to the Peking faction or that Chang Tso-lin himself is concerned with what the Nationalists are doing in Shanghai. Three years ago it may be remembered, his armies took the city, but he soon discovered that the line between Shanghai and Mukden was too

long to be held without constant changes in officials and threats of punitive expeditions against those who thought they were sufficiently far away from the War-lord to act on their own initiative.

On the Yangtze proper, however, conditions much more serious exist. The split between the Nationalist leaders, which is nothing more than a squabble over personal gains and appointments is widening daily. More serious still, a force from Hunan is rapidly approaching the valley and the Wu-Han cities may soon be compelled to assume the aspect of beleaguered garrisons. On the other hand, seeing that disension is so rife in Nationalist ranks, the faction now in power along this part of the river may, at the approach of danger, follow the time-honoured custom of falling back: Which would perhaps be for the good of the cities concerned.

Nothing for a fortnight has been heard of Shansi's reported overtures of peace toward Peking. What is evident is that actual fighting between the two forces has ceased. Marshal Chang and the Fengtien militarists no longer seem bent upon erasing Shansi, as a province, from the map of China. Climate conditions, of course, are entirely against warlike activities in these areas. Snowstorms and bitter blizzards, at this time of the year, are daily occurrences around Kalgan and other points of vantage.

## LATEST DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following quotations and dividends on Rubber and Mining shares:—

## Quotations.

Allenbys	.....	\$3.20
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Jinabys	.....	2.70
Kodahs	.....	4.25
Malaka Pindas	.....	2.60
Pajams	.....	2.60

## Dividends.

Hitam	.....	5% 1st Int.
Kuala Sawah	.....	4% Interim
Perak River Valley	.....	5% Final
Perak River Valley	.....	(Mkg. 15%)
Telok Krui	.....	5% Final
Telok Krui	.....	(Mkg. 15%)
Telok Krui	.....	7% 1st Int.

## K.M.A. OUTPUT.

The local agents of the Kailan Mining Administration report that the total output of the Administration's mines for the week ending December 24, 1927 amounted to 110,145 tons and the sales during the period to 89,468 tons.

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But their companions slept,  
Were toiling upward in the  
night."

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## A MYSTERY FILM.

"THE PLEASURE BUYERS"  
COMING.

"The Pleasure Buyers," the detective film which a special advertisement in to-day's issue announces as coming to the Queen's Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, is said to be about as exciting a mystery picture as the screen has yet offered. The story concerns the murder of Eugene Casseas, a gay society favourite, who is shot while sitting in his chair at home. The bullet has come through the back of his chair. Suspicion falls in turn upon six people each of whom had threatened to kill Casseas. How the law finally discovers the real culprit leads up to a thoroughly exciting climax. Irene Rich is the star, and a cast of well known players give her excellent support. "The Pleasure Buyers" has been adapted to the screen from a popular novel. Pictures showing in the local cinemas for the last time to-day are the exciting fire melodrama "The Fire Brigade," with May McAvoy and Charles Ray at the Queen's Theatre; a romance of the bright lights, "The Taxi Dancer," with Joan Crawford and Owen Moore, at the World Theatre; a draw of Paris before the war, "Satan in Sables," with Lowell Sherman, at the Star Theatre. Cinema-goers should note that the movie programme at the Star Theatre ends at 8.30, the Globe Trotters presenting their entertaining revue, "Scenes and Screams" at 9.15.

## "STAR" REVUES.

"GLOBE TROTTERS" PRESENT  
SNAPPY SHOW.

Mr. Dick Norton's talented company of eleven artists, "The Globe Trotters," will present their entertaining revue, "Scenes and Screams" at 9.15 in the Star Theatre to-night. They will give a complete change of programme to-morrow night with "Pleasureland," which they will repeat on Monday night, bringing their season to a close on Tuesday night with yet another brand new programme, "Incidents." Booking for these revues is now open at Messrs. Montrie's and the Star Theatre at the popular admission prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

## ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD  
YESTERDAY.

THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

The annual general meeting of St. David's Society of Hong Kong (Cymdeithas Dewi Sant) was held in the office of Mr. D. J. Lewis at Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master yesterday.

The following officers were elected for the forthcoming year: President, Mr. E. J. Wynne Jones; Vice-President, Capt. R. D. Thomas; Committee, Mrs. Hooper, Messrs. D. Davies, R. R. Davies, D. W. Phillips, E. C. Thomas, D. M. Richards, F. White. Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, the Society's Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, was re-elected.

The report of the Committee for the past year was read by the Chairman, and was as follows:

Life Members.  
At the last annual general meeting, held on January 14, 1926, it was decided that St. David's Day, 1927, should be celebrated by a dinner to be held that evening and by the laying of a wreath on the Cenotaph during the morning.

The dinner, which was attended by 25 members and 51 guests, was a most successful evening, but the Committee hope that in this and subsequent years the proportion of members to guests will be higher.

At the same meeting the Committee were empowered to make such alterations in the rules of the Society as they should think fit, and the amended rules having been drafted were laid before the Committee at a meeting held on January 27 and approved. Copies of the new rules were subsequently circulated to members. Under those rules provision was made for the election of life members upon payment of \$25.00, and during the year the following have become life members: The Hon. Mr. H. Owen Hughes, Mr. E. C. Thomas.

At the last annual general meeting it was also decided to alter the Society's year for financial and other purposes to the calendar year.

Newcomers.  
During 1927 the following have joined the Society:

Mrs. C. Grey, Mr. J. Wynn Williams, Mrs. L. Price Richards, Mr. and Mrs. F. White, Mrs. E. Fredericks, Mr. D. W. Phillips, Mr. C. A. Elkins.

The Committee record with regret the departure from this Colony and consequent resignation of Dr. W. Leslie Thomas and Commander R. D. Williams, R.N.R., both of whom were members of the Committee and active supporters of the Society, Dr. Thomas having been appointed Vice-President for the past year.

The Hon. Secretary has received a letter from Mr. Thomas expressing his good wishes for the welfare of the Society and his desire to become a life member thereof.

The Committee regret that it has not been possible during the past year to arrange for any further activities of the Society beyond the dinner already referred to. Arrangements were in course of preparation for a concert to be given by the Society in conjunction with the Welch Regiment who were for a time stationed in the Colony. Unfortunately, the Welch Regiment were transferred to Shanghai and it was not considered feasible for the Society to hold the concert without their assistance.

## Report Adopted.

The Hon. Secretary has been in correspondence with the Librarian of the National Library of Wales who has requested records of the meetings and activities of the Society be forwarded to him for preservation in the library. This has been done.

Mr. Harry Owen Hughes was appointed as the Society's representative on the Committee of the General Charities Organisation and attended meetings of that body on behalf of this Society. The Committee received an enquiry from the Captain Superintendent of Police who is Chairman of the General Charities Organisation, enquiring whether the Society could guarantee financial assistance to the Organisation, to which a reply was sent stating that owing to the limited size of this Society we could not guarantee any subscription, but that in any particular case of assistance being required for a person of Welsh nationality we should be glad to receive and consider any application for such assistance which he cared to lay before us.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The white hunter who, four months ago, was employed by the Kenya Government to proceed to the Masai Reserve in order to kill lions, which had made numerous daring raids on Masai to the danger of life and property, has now returned to Nairobi, having killed 80 lions and 10 leopards and eradicated the menace. He had many most exciting experiences and extremely narrow escapes from death. He was charged by a rhinoceros, a buffalo and an elephant.

## P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

There promises to be a slump in "lucky numbers" for the annual race meeting.

He took her hand in his and gazed at the engagement ring he had placed on her finger three days before. "Did your friends admire it?" he inquired tenderly.

"They did more than that," she replied coldly, "two of them recognised it."

Reporter: "And in what State were you born, Professor?"

Professor: "Unless my recollection fails me, in the state of ignorance."

Reporter (scribbling): "Yes, to be sure. And how long have you lived there?"

The host and his guest had been talking for hours, at least the host thought it must have been hours, and he decided to end things right away.

"Would you like to sample something Scotch?" he whispered, bending forward. "The real thing—before we go to bed?"

"Would I," returned the other, and his face lit up. "You bet I would!"

"Right," said his host, and called in his housekeeper.

"Jane," he said, "bring in that pot of Dundee marmalade and a plate of biscuits."

To a gathering of lay workers recently the Archbishop of Canterbury related an amusing experience that befell him.

An unknown correspondent had written to him from a remote little town in the United States of America, asking him to try to trace a relative of his who was supposed to be living in the East End of London.

The letter, which was addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, London, was delayed in transit.

At length, however, it arrived, and on the envelope was written:

"Not known at the Canterbury Music Hall. Try Lambeth Palace."

Grandfather: "Peter, isn't it time little boys were in bed?"

Very Modern Child: "I'm sorry, grandpa, it's a subject in which I have little interest, you see, I have no little boys."

Guest—Who is that awful-looking frump over there?

Host—Why, that's my wife.

Guest—Oh—er—beg pardon. My mistake.

Host (sadly).—No, mine.

"My husband gave me this lovely fur coat. It cost over \$30!"

"How beautiful! And what did you give him?"

"Oh, the duckiest little pen-wiper you ever saw!"

A man arrived at a house to take an inventory of the furniture. He was so long over his task in the dining-room that the lady of the house came to see what had happened.

She opened the door, and saw him lying asleep in a chair. By his side was an empty decanter. But he had not entirely forgotten his inventory. At the top of the page was a solitary entry:—"Revolving carpet, one."

"There's nothing really wrong with you," said the specialist to the taciturn patient, "from a physical point of view. But your nerves are a little frayed. What you need is a holiday apart from your friends and family in some quiet, restful spot, where you will be—if I may say so—close to Nature, and that sort of thing."

"May as well get back to work, then."

"Why?"

"Well, I'm a lighthouse keeper."

Willie Walker, paused outside the local cinema. A poster had caught and held his attention. Presently the commissionaire, an old friend of Walker's, appeared on the scene. "Is it a good picture?" asked Walker, nodding to the advert.

"No," answered the other, bitterly, "rotten! Better stay outside and save your money."

"H'm," said Walker. "If you say those sort of things to people, you'll get yourself the sack before long."

The commissionaire's reply was even more venomous.

"I've got it," he said.

An American visitor had an engagement to play golf with a friend who did not put in a punctual appearance.

The American, who was waiting on the first tee, decided to go to the clubhouse and telephone to his partner, and, not wishing to take his heavy kit with him, said to a bystander, "Excuse me, but would you look after these clubs until I come back?"

"Sir," rejoined the bystander, with ruffled dignity, "I'd have you know I'm Mayor of this town."

"Never mind," replied the American; "I'll chance that."



## NOT OVER YET.

(Continued from Page 1.)

nam (opposite. Canton city) but the Kwangsi troops under General Li Chai-sum have not crossed the Canton River to take over possession of Honam. However, the Cement Factory (used as a military office) is guarded by troops of the Kwangsi faction.

No further reliable news is to hand about the Ironsides' evacuation from the East River basin. One source, not necessarily uninterested, insists that the Ironsides have routed a column of the Canton Government army from Swatow. This report lacks independent confirmation.

What is the Truth? Another report is more likely to be correct. It is that General Fang Ting-ying (referred to above) is endeavouring to effect contact with the Ironsides and retire jointly into the south of Kiangsi province.

Rightist organs maintain that the Ironsides have suffered losses between the East River and Swatow. The fact that there has been fighting is not encouraging to them as the Ironsides are a superior military body.

From the maze of conflicting reports it is safest to presume that neither side has any material advantage; but the persistent references to Swatow leave ground for suspecting that the Ironsides may still make a bid for that port.

## KWANGSI "PERTURBED."

Reverses Reported at Hands of Hunanese.

Hankow, Yesterday. General Pui Chung-hsi (of the Kwangsi faction and ally of the Canton Government) is perturbed over the reverses suffered by his army against the Hunanese and is desirous of transferring the remainder of his command now at Shanghai to Hankow. Most of the men who have stayed at Shanghai, however, are reluctant to go, as their immediate commander opposes a transfer.

Fronts Mapped Out. Three "fronts" have been mapped out by the Hunanese army now operating against the Nationalist units at Hankow.

[Note: The Kwangsi faction is in power at Hankow but other Nationalist Generals are there as well.]

The various Hunanese Generals are taking up action on respective fronts, with the re-capture of Hankow as their final objective, and are working together.—"Hong Kong Evening Post."

## TRAIN ROBBERY.

\$3,000 Loot on Chinese Section of Kowloon Line.

Loot worth \$3,000 and several captives (for ransom) were taken by train bandits yesterday on the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese section), the outlaws taking advantage of the fact that the Canton Government has very few troops on the line owing to pressure of military affairs along the East River.

The robbers boarded the daily (local) slow train (which comes down to Kowloon) at Namkong station, not far from Canton. The driver was held up and the passengers taken by surprise. Women passengers were not spared molestation, being searched while the train was moving. The gang numbered less than twenty strong but they were all armed.

## PEACE AND WAR.

Chiang Kai-shek's Name in the Limelight.

Outstanding items in overnight cables about China's politics are:

Arrival for the second time in Shanghai of a delegate to discuss peace prospects between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek (of the Nationalists) and the Peking Government.

Alleged proof of material support by Chiang Kai-shek for the Hunanese Army operating against the Nationalists at Hankow!

Chinese observers state that the fighting south of Hankow is extending.

According to the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" the extraordinary council (of government) which functioned at Nanking during the interregnum has now been dissolved.

## 4TH PLENARY.

Opens at Nanking With 23 Present.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The fourth plenary Kuomintang conference met at Nanking this afternoon, 23 members being present.

Notable absentees were Dr. C. C. Wu and Mr. Sun Fo. The latter has declined the new appointment of Minister of Reconstruction.

The banker, Cheng Yung-ming, has declined to take up the post

## MASTERS &amp; MATES.

LOCAL CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN 1927.

## ENGINEERS' LIST.

To-day's "Gazette" contains the following list of Masters, Mates, and Engineers, who have passed their Examinations and obtained Certificates of Competency issued under the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of December 31, 1883, for the year ended 31st December 1927.

James Halkett, 2nd Class Engineer, (Renewed); Ernest John Andrew Foster, Master S.S. (Renewed); Harold Stuart Beech, 2nd Class Engineer; James Pringle, Master, Ordinary, (Renewed); John William McCabe, 1st Mate, S.S. (Renewed); William Orr, 2nd Class Engineer (Renewed); Robert William Patterson, 2nd Class Engineer; Robert Owen Case, 2nd Class Engineer; George Cormack, 1st Class Engineer, (Renewed); Reginald Bernard Peck, 1st Class Engineer; Edward McNab, 1st Class Engineer; Richard Clark, 2nd Class Engineer; Walter Watson Tweedie, 1st Class Engineer; William Henry Walmsley, 1st Mate, S.S.; John Black, 2nd Class Engineer; Graham Robert Torrible, 1st Mate, S.S.; William George Brunsell, 2nd Class Engineer; James Wallace Grieve, 1st Class Engineer; Alexander Chalmers Morrice, 2nd Class Engineer; Charles William Kehoe-Scott, Master, S.S.; Albert Dunn, 2nd Class Engineer; William Turner, 1st Class Engineer; Robert Kirsop Stott, Master, S.S.

Sydney Barwick, Master, S.S.; Frederick Ashburner Sharpe, 2nd Class Engineer; John Jameson, 2nd Class Engineer; Robert Perry, 1st Mate, S.S.; Thomas George Stokes, 1st Class Engineer; William Charles Excell, Master, S.S.; Arthur Edward Hill, 2nd Class Engineer; William Benjamin Haslett, 2nd Class Engineer; William Lee, Master, S.S.; Charles Cowan, Master, S.S.; Arthur McDavid, 1st Mate, S.S.; John Scott Swan, 2nd Class Engineer; William Corbett Wall, 1st Mate, S.S.; Robert Hendry Watt, 2nd Class Engineer; Alexander Walker Norrie, 2nd Class Engineer; William Mahan, Master, S.S.; David Smith Goldie, 1st Class Engineer; Robert Hamilton McLean, 2nd Class Engineer.

James Douglas Craig, 2nd Class Engineer; John William Bertram, 1st Class Engineer; Annesley Keown, 2nd Class Engineer; Charles Edward Stuart, 2nd Class Engineer; William Alexander McDonald, Master, S.S.; Charles Hansen, Master, (River) (2nd copy); Morrison Defty, Master, S.S.; William Joseph Walton Manton, 1st Class Engineer; George Henry White, 1st Class Engineer; James Albert Brown, 1st Mate, S.S.; Antoine Yves Calamel, 2nd Class Engineer; William Jones, Master, S.S.

Elwyn Jacob, Master, S.S.; Albert Tipe, 2nd Class Engineer, (Renewed); William Laurence Shinn, Master, S.S.; James Henry Witchell, 1st Class Engineer, (Renewed); James Halkett, 1st Class Engineer; John Fant, 1st Mate, S.S.; Alexander Ferguson, 2nd Class Engineer; Edward Neville Haughton Sanguinetti, 1st Mate, S.S.; Walter Joseph Burden, 1st Class Engineer; Harry George May, 2nd Class Engineer; Archibald Hodge, 1st Class Engineer, (Renewed); Jackie Turner, 2nd Class Engineer; James Grandison Drysdale Lindsay, 2nd Class Engineer; Andrew Bolton, 1st Class Engineer; James Findlater, 2nd Class Engineer; Robert Mitchell Sangster, 1st Class Engineer; Edward James Easson, 1st Class Engineer; Edward Chrystie Young, 2nd Class Engineer; Sidney Whinton Minshall, Master, S.S.; Andrew Duncan, 2nd Class Engineer.

of Vice-Minister of Finance.—Reuter.

## UPPER YANGTZE.

Hankow Nationalists Pressing Yang Sen.

Hankow, Thursday. It is rumoured here that General Hu Tsung-tu, of the Nanking Nationalist Army, may go up the Yangtze River (taking his soldiers with him) to Ichang, 370 miles above Hankow, and which is the present dividing line between Nationalist territory and land held by the "independent" General Yang Sen of Szechuan province.—British Naval Wireless.

"By Arrangement."

General Yang Sen is withdrawing his 20th Army from here (to further up the Yangtze). By an arrangement, he is handing over control to General Lu Tip-ing, of the 2nd Nationalist Army.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: The gist of the two messages is that the Nationalists are pressing along the upper Yangtze and Yang Sen is falling back before them.]

Further Down.

The situation here is still obscure.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Wuhu is 55 miles above Nanking and 889 miles below Hankow. There has been trouble here between the local authorities and the Nationalists.]

## INDIAN CURRENCY.

RESERVE BANK TO BE CONSTITUTED.

## NO OPTION ON SHARES.

New Delhi, Yesterday. The revised Gold Standard and Reserve Bank Bill has now been gazetted in order to ensure ample opportunity to study its proposals in view of their being enacted during the forthcoming session of the legislature.

Sir A. Blackett, in a statement, says the Government are convinced that its share capital must be the basis for the constitution of a Reserve Bank of India, but in order to ensure the interests of India, as a whole, it has been decided not to give the Imperial Bank of India an option of subscribing 30 per cent. of the shares but on the contrary to have a broad-based distribution of shares by giving preference in allotment to those applying for one share (one hundred rupees) while nobody will be allowed to hold shares worth over 20,000 rupees, every shareholder to have one vote to be a safeguard against external capital.

It has been arranged that the total dividend shall not exceed 7 per cent., and that the head office will be at Bombay with four Indian branches and one London branch.

Election of Directors.

New Delhi, Later. The first Board of Directors of the Bank will be entirely nominated, but afterward shareholders, through an electoral college, will elect eleven Directors; the Chambers of Commerce and provincial Co-operative Banks will elect five others; whilst the Governor-General will nominate four, and one will be a Government official. The latter will have no vote.—Reuter.

## BAN ON WAR.

FURTHER AMERICAN NOTE TO FRANCE.

## BRITAIN INFORMED.

Rugby, Yesterday. The United States Embassy in London to-day conveyed to the Foreign Office for the information of the British Government a copy of a further Note sent on Wednesday by Mr. F. B. Kellogg, United States Secretary of State, to the French Ambassador in Washington in continuation of the Franco-American correspondence on the subject of the proposed multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war as an instrument of policy.—British Wireless Service.

## NICARAGUA.

ENGLISHMAN REPORTED KILLED.

Managua, Yesterday. Roy A. Johnston, civilian interpreter with the United States Marines, has reported that an Englishman was killed near Sandino's recent headquarters.—Reuter's American Service.

Self-Government Principle. Buenos Aires, Yesterday. A semi-official Note states that if the Nicaraguan question is discussed at the forthcoming Pan-American Conference the Havana and Argentine delegation, while abstaining from prejudging the relations between Nicaragua and the United States, will make a declaration on the principle conformably to Argentina's traditions of respect for the right to self-government and independence of sister Republics.—Reuter's American Service.

## DRUNKENNESS.

HEAVY INCREASE REPORTED FOR 1926.

New York, Dec. 12. That drunkenness in America has increased almost as fast in 1923 as in 1925, and faster than in 1924, is one of the striking disclosures of the Moderation League in a national survey of prohibition conditions.

The league's directors include the Bishop of Central New York (the Rev. C. Fiske), Mr. Kermit Roosevelt, sen., Mr. Theodore Root and Mr. Elihu Root, an ex-Secretary of State. The league aims at the restoration of temperance.

It reports that in 500 cities, the arrests for drunkenness in 1926 increased by 136 per cent. over those of 1920, which was the first year of national prohibition. Since the prohibition law became effective, there had been an increase in drunkenness yearly. By 1926, there were more arrests for drunkenness than in any year except 1916. The case of Atlanta was stressed. Twenty years ago Atlanta went dry of its own consent by local option. Immediately the arrests for drunkenness fell to a low level, and that condition was maintained until prohibition arrived, when all the good work of years of temperance was undone and drunkenness was rising there every year since.

## ARCH-SPY.

TREBITSCH-LINCOLN AS BUDDHIST PRIEST.

## VANCOUVER'S SEND-OFF.

Vancouver, Dec. 14. A Buddhist priest named Hruh was given a rousing send-off when he sailed from here to China in September.

He has since been identified from clippings from Peking newspapers as Trebitsch-Lincoln, the arch-spy. He lectured here on energy and matter, and startled his hearers by his knowledge of Buddhism. He said that he was an Anglican curate before his conversion to Buddhism.

His disguise was never questioned here. [Ignaz Timotheus Trebitsch, international adventurer, who later called himself Trebitsch-Lincoln, is a Hungarian Jew, who was naturalised in London early in the century, and was elected to the House of Commons as Liberal member for Darlington. During the early part of the war he claimed to have done espionage work for Britain, but his loyalty was suspected and in 1916 he escaped to the United States, where he published "The History of a Spy," in which he admitted that he had been working for the German Government. As he had been guilty of forgery he was extradited to Britain, where he served three years' imprisonment. Released in 1919 he went to Berlin, where he was associated with the Kapp "Putsch." After its failure a warrant was issued for his arrest, and he fled successively to Vienna and Italy, later in November, 1921—entering the United States on forged papers, for which he was punished. He next turned up in 1925, when he declared that he had spent the intervening period in China as political adviser to Wu Pei-fu. In 1926 his son "John Lincoln" was sentenced to death at Devizes for murder.]

## NEW ITALY.

MUSSOLINI'S BOAST OF A PURIFIED NATION.

## WORLD CHALLENGED.

London, Dec. 13. Italy is going to be one of the great Powers of the world. It will rise to as prominent a position as the Holy Roman Empire, but the new Italy and the Italian Empire are to be based on the foundation of the Chigi Palace, says the Rome correspondent of the "Evening Standard."

He explains that Signor Mussolini, in a recent interview, likened present-day Italy to an athlete carefully trained in body, clean, hardened, nourished, clean-living, clean-thinking, leading a man's life full of love of his country and of his country's rulers.

"And it is I, Benito Mussolini, who have cared for the moral and physical diet of Italy—who am carefully watching that no thing injurious to my country finds its way to its system. Like a proud parent, I am soon going to launch the child I have nurtured. I am certain that the world will credit me for a purified Italy. Many short-sighted people say that my regime is one of tyranny, because I forced the people to do things distasteful. That is not tyranny but wise government. Fascism is the greatest blessing that could come to Italy. I challenge the world to take a leaf from my diary. Italy is going to make herself felt. She is no longer a C3 nation. The name of Mussolini is going to count from end to end of the globe as a symbol of right, fairness and wise government without tyranny."

## BRITISH GIRLS.

THEIR PHYSIQUE IN INDUSTRY.

## REMARKABLE STATISTICS.

London, Dec. 11. A striking commentary on the croakers who regard Britain as a C. 3 nation is contained in the Industrial Fatigue Research Board's report on the physique of women in industry.

Glasgow's worst slums produce a race of Amazons. These women are doing heavy work for ten hours a day with ease and in bare feet. Their physique is most remarkable.

One woman in a chemical works has shovelled 20 to 25 tons of borite every day.

Girls in Midland brickworks have carried hundredweight loads of bricks a distance of 80 yards.

It is noteworthy, however, that the physique of a group of provincial college women undergoing training as teachers drawn from the country districts of Scotland has excelled that of the Amazon labourers, being taller, heavier and stronger.

## Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Star Theatre: The Globe Trotters in "Scenes and Screens," 9.15 p.m.  
To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Fire Brigade."  
To-day—World Theatre: "The Taxi Dancer."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Satan in Sabots," 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.  
January 15-16—Queen's Theatre: "War Paint."

January 15-16—World Theatre: "It's The Old Army Game," 5.10 and 9.15; "Wong Tin Ba" (Chinese Drama), 2.30 and 7.15.

January 15-16—Star Theatre: "Tumblewoods."

January 15-16—Star Theatre, The Globe Trotters in "Pleasure Land."

January 17—Star Theatre: The Globe Trotters in "Incidents."

January 17-18—Queen's Theatre: "The Pleasure Buyers."

January 17-18—World Theatre: "The Lucky Lady," 5.10 and 9.15; "Wong Tin Ba" (Chinese Drama), 2.30 and 7.15.

January 17-18—Star Theatre: "Alma of South Seas."

January 19-21—Queen's Theatre: "Out All Night."

January 19-21—World's Theatre: "The Desert's Toll."

January 19-21—Star Theatre: "The Gay Deceiver."

January 21—Hong Kong Hotel: Chinese New Year's Eve Carnival.

February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.  
To-day—Entries close for forthcoming Annual Race Meeting, 3 p.m.

January 21—China New Year meeting (Fanning Hunt), Kwanti Race Course.

January 23—American lawn tennis tournament (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club at L.R.C.

Meetings.  
January 16—General meeting of shareholders, Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Exchange Bldg., noon.

January 19—H.K.V.D.C. annual meeting, Corps Headquarters.

January 27—Annual meeting of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.

February 9—Fortieth annual meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, 12.30 p.m.

Lammerts Auction.  
January 17—At Godown No. 8, The H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Miscellaneous goods, 10.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.  
January 14—Distribution of prizes at Ellis Kadoorie School, by the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, 10.30 a.m.

January 15—Opening of the Hotel Riviera, Macao, with special dinner; and dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

January 16—Debate in St. Peter's Y.M. Club House, 8.30 p.m.

January 22—Opening date of Photographic & Art Exhibition at Macao.

January 25—Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society Burns Dinner.

## DAY OF INNOCENTS.

CROWDS RESENT MUNICIPAL PRACTICAL JOKE.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 31. A number of persons were injured, five seriously, as the result of a municipal practical joke on the Day of Innocents, corresponding to April Fools' Day. The Municipality, although fights are illegal, advertised that a real bullfight will take place at the Communal Exhibition.

As neither toreadors nor bulls appeared in the arena at the appointed hour, the 40,000 spectators fumed and protested. Then, convinced that they had been hoaxed, they invaded the arena and did considerable damage.

Women fainted and children shrieked.

Large reserves of police were required to prevent the irate citizens from getting their own back on the Municipality.—"Times of Ceylon."

## I. L. P. SPLIT.

ANTI-IMPERIALISTIC POLICY CONDEMNED.

Madras, Dec. 30. Interviewed by "The Hindu" at the General Hospital, Mr. A. Fenner Brockway, Secretary of the British Independent Labour Party, said that Mr. Phillip Snowden's resignation was due to the fact that the Independent Labour Party was now standing much more definitely for vigorous Socialistic and anti-Imperialistic policy.

He added: "I do not expect that Mr. Snowden's resignation will be the last."

"Our attitude towards the Simon Commission has angered other moderate leaders, but we must fearlessly stand for the principle in which we believe."

MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

JOINS NATIONAL UNION OF JOURNALISTS.

London, Dec. 10.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

One Chinese case of enteric fever and one Indian case of puerperal fever were reported to the Medical Officer of Health on Thursday.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Thomas Wilfred Doyle, bank official, of Shamen, Canton, and Miss Alysie Hart Brennan, school teacher, residing at Repulse Bay.

Four amahs—one a complainant and the others defendants—were each bound over at the Central Magistracy yesterday in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace for 12 months.

It is understood that H.M.S. "Ambrose" and half a dozen submarines attached to this parent ship are leaving Hong Kong at the end of March for England. They are to be replaced, it is learned, by H.M.S. "Medway," and a similar number of later class submarines.



John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America.

The Hotel Riviera, Macao's new rendezvous for high class food and up-to-date living accommodation, will be formally opened to-morrow afternoon. The "Sui An" leaves here to-morrow morning, taking a large number of prominent residents to attend the ceremony.

The Ming Yuen Gardens were sold by public auction by Messrs. Lammet Bros. yesterday for \$110,500, the purchaser being Mr. Chan Lun. The Gardens cover an area of 207,900 square feet and were, up till a few years ago, a very popular resort for the Chinese, being run on the same lines as the Lee Gardens.

Four foreigners were robbed by gangs of unarmed loafers operating with ricksha coolies in Shanghai and were deprived of property amounting to approximately \$400. About 10 p.m., Mr. W. Harvan, cook of the str. "Perseus," was tripped up, and lost \$200. Another seaman off a coastwise steamer lost about \$100, whilst robberies on Fochow Road and the Bund completed the considerable total.

Resolving of probate in respect of the estate of Mrs. M. J. Rex, late of 33, Langbourne Mansions, Highgate, Middlesex, widow, who died on January 24, 1927, at 442, Upper Richmond Road, Richmond, Surrey, has been granted to Mr. G. N. Tinson, the attorney of Mr. A. M. Rex, and Miss P. M. Rex (son and daughter), both of "Brabourne," Deaconsway, Banstead, Surrey, who are the executors named in the will.

On Saturday last at the residence of Sir Sidney Barton, H.M. Consul-General, Shanghai, in the presence of many distinguished guests, the presentation of the O.B.E. to Mr. Joseph William Hurst, formerly second officer of the C.N.S. "Sunning," the M.B.E. to Mr. George Cormack, chief engineer of the same vessel, and to Lt.-Commander Francis Miners, R.N.R., assistant manager at Holt's Wharf, the Royal Naval Reserve Officer's decoration took place.

Letters of administration in respect of the will of Mr. T. W. Hill, late of Sanatorium, Alton, Arross, Switzerland, have been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, who is the attorney of Mrs. R. T. Hill, widow, residing at No. 10, Kensington Park Gardens, Middlesex, and Mr. G. A. Richardson, of Billiter Square Buildings, London, a merchant. Mr. Hill died on August 27, 1927, intestate, and his estate in Hong Kong amounts to \$14,500, while that in England is valued at \$18,342.

"Jill" Well who was reported to have shot a Russian, the alleged father of the child which she is said to have adopted, when on New Year's Day he attempted by force to remove the child from her residence at 350 Route Cohen, appeared before the French Mixed Court. The hearing was adjourned. It will be recalled that the lady claimed Canadian citizenship, but had no passport. The matter of her citizenship was referred to the French and British Consulates-General. It now transpires that the French consider her an unrecognized foreigner.

According to reliable Chinese reports, the Nationalists have erected a wireless station at Hangchow costing \$20,000.

The new luxury tax imposed in North China, including Peking, is expected to yield \$100,000 per year, the Kuo Wen news agency states.

A Chinese, claiming to be a teacher, was sentenced by Judge Wan in the Shanghai Provisional Court to 16 years' imprisonment on a charge of extortion.

A coolie was sent to prison for three months by Judge Liang in the Shanghai Provisional Court for snatching a handbag from a foreign lady, Mrs. Monmouth.

The Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon, notifies us that the offices of the C. M. Customs will be closed to public business on the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th January, and 12th February next.

The captain of a Russian steamer at Tsingtao, which was detained by the Ankuochun authorities, was fined \$10,000 for having in his possession Communist literature, according to the vernacular press.

The Provisional Court in Shanghai has issued an announcement to the effect that henceforth all law suits brought up by Spanish nationals shall be dealt with in accordance with the rules governing non-treaty nations.—Kuo Wen.

A telegram from Tientsin to the Chinese papers states that Gen. Chang Hsueh-liang, son of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, firing the female propaganda corps which he organized some months ago of little use to the Ankuochun, has ordered their dissolution.

More than 30,000 persons in the vicinity of Tientsin are reported by the vernacular press to be homeless and on the verge of starvation. The International Red Cross has already distributed among them more than 7,500 garments and nearly 100,000 catties of flour.

The Shanghai Provisional Court has issued a proclamation stating that, in accordance with instructions from the Nationalist Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spanish citizens will hereafter be treated in accordance with the regulations governing non-treaty foreigners, the Sino-Spanish Treaty having expired and having been declared null and void by the Government.



A new picture of the Queen of Spain snapped on her recent visit to Tarragona.

The wedding of Mr. Leonard James Cave and Miss Georgina May Hughes will take place at three this afternoon at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, the Rev. W. Walton Rogers officiating. The bride will be given away by Mr. V. C. Labrum and Mr. H. H. Benson will be Best Man. Mr. Baldwin will preside at the organ. The honeymoon will be spent at Repulse Bay and Macao.

On New Year's Eve at the Lodge, one of Shanghai's newest and most unique cabarets, there were more than 727 paid admissions, it was stated by Mr. Joseph James, proprietor. At 10 p.m. the doors were closed but were opened again an hour later to permit a few more persons to enter. At midnight the entire throng rose and sang "Auld Lang Syne" in about nine different languages. In addition to the Japanese dancing girls a special entertainment was provided by Billie Powers and his orchestra.

Chang Tso-lin stamps will be soon placed on sale, according to information from Chinese circles. To mark the inauguration of the dictator the government has decided to issue commemorative stamps bearing the portrait of Marshal Chang Tso-lin. A design has been made and approved by the dictator. The bureau of printing and engraving attached to the ministry of finance is now busy at work printing on the new stamps. The stamps will be in denominations of one cent, four cents, ten cents and one dollar. 4,000,000 stamps will be used for circulation in China, while 370,000 will be issued for the use of Singkiang. In addition to these, 1,500,000 will be distributed in Kirin and Heilungkiang.

Ah Fuh, the Chinese cook of the Rev. W. E. Horley, has worked for him for over thirty years. Can this record be beaten, we wonder? asks the "Times of Malaya."

Two aeroplanes have been despatched from Nanking by the Nationalist military authorities for service on the Tsinpu front. They are to make a survey of the district.

Three prisoners who were alleged to have participated in an attack on the Fukien Guild at 7 p.m. and who were found in possession of false military badges, were shot at Lungshua.

Dr. Tsai Yuan-pai, president of the Nationalist Board of Education, has arrived in Shanghai, and Mr. Quo Tai-chi, acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Gen. Yang Hu, former Commissioner of the Shanghai and Woosung Gendarmerie, have left for the capital.



The most recent likeness of King Fuad, of Egypt, taken during his late visit to Paris.

The Peking Waichiaopu is reported by the Chinese press to have instructed the Charge d'Affaires at Moscow to lodge a vigorous protest with the Soviet Government against the arrest of 53 Chinese students, labourers and merchants, a report of which has reached the Government. A son of the late Mr. Chow Tz-chi, former Premier and Minister of Finance, is said to be among the students arrested.

General Chu Yu-pu, Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces in Chihli, has given strict orders to those Chinese civil and military officers residing in the foreign Concessions at Tientsin to remove to the Chinese city on the ground that at this time when the Government authorities are experiencing difficulty in raising necessary military funds it is luxurious for Chinese officials to live in the Concessions.—Toko.

The Consul for Spain, Mr. Roberto Spottorno, states that China, in denouncing the Sino-Spanish treaty of 1884, pretends to abolish the extraterritoriality clauses. On this matter the Spanish Government, through its Minister at Peking, has already declared that it does not recognise to China the right to modify other than the commercial clauses and that it considers as a violation of the international laws any attempt to suppress or alter anything pertaining to the former.

The death took place in Shanghai last week of Edward Ernest Tricker at the early age of 26, who passed away at the General Hospital after an unsuccessful fight against typhoid fever. The deceased was an employee of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and was the son of Mr. Tricker of Eye, Suffolk. During his residence in Shanghai he identified himself with the sporting side of the community to a marked degree and was particularly interested in horsemanship.

The annual prize distribution at Wansai Government School for Chinese, took place yesterday morning. The headmaster (Mr. W. R. J. Birbeck M.A.) presented his report which revealed a very satisfactory year's work. Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools) presented the awards and commented upon the good attendance that had been maintained throughout the year. He said that the work had been most satisfactory, and much attention had been paid to sports, notwithstanding the lack of a playground.

An application was made in the Shanghai Provisional Court by the police for the disposal of a Buick motor car, said to have been stolen from Mr. Jordan, of the Nanking branch of the British American Tobacco Co., and seized by the Nationalist forces at the time of their occupation of the now Nationalist capital. The Court, Judge Liang and Mr. Whitmore, made an order that, on payment to the Shanghai Horse Bazaar & Motor Co. of the account amounting to Tls. 56 (for storage), the car may be delivered to the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs or his duly authorised representative.

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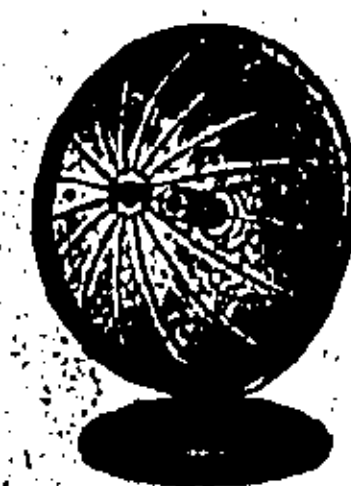
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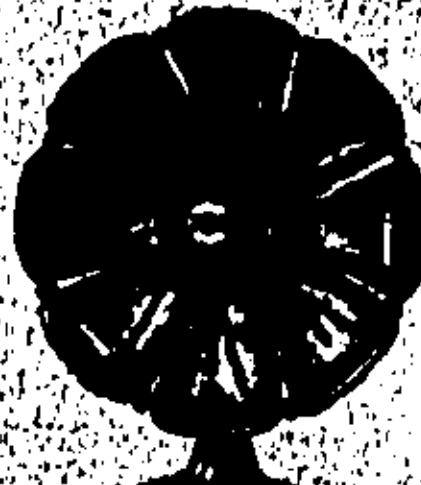
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## SPORTS

## LOCAL CRICKET.

## LEAGUE AND FRIENDLIES FOR WEEK END.

The following is the list of matches for to-day:—

**League: Division I.**  
Indian R.C. "A" v. Royal Navy.  
Crailengower v. Kowloon C.C.  
University v. Chinese R.C.  
**Division II.**  
Royal Navy v. Civil Service C.C.  
Kowloon C.C. v. Royal Engineers.  
**Friendly.**  
Hong Kong C.C. v. C.S.C.C.  
H.M.S. "Tamar" v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.  
Recreio v. University 2nd XI.  
H.K. Electric Co. v. Queen's R. Regt.

**To-morrow.**  
University 2nd v. Indian R.C. "B."

**Teams.**  
The following will represent the University 2nd XI. in friendly matches against the Club de Recreio and L.R.C. at 2 p.m. to-day and to-morrow:—

Against Club de Recreio (at King's Park):—Dr. M. B. Osman (Capt.), K. T. Loke, S. R. Kermani, A. B. Suleman, S. F. Chen, A. A. Aziz, G. E. Teoh, B. H. Schroter, F. Hoshimi, H. T. Barma, and A. N. Other.  
Against L.R.C. (at Home ground):—F. Hiptoola (Capt.), W. M. Giffins, B. N. Sudan, R. Chan Fook, K. T. Loke, N. P. Karanjia, S. R. Kermani, S. F. Chen, A. B. Suleman, R. H. Schroter, and H. I. Barma.

## H.K. ELECTRIC TEAM.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club in a friendly match against the Queen's Royal Regiment to-day at King's Park:—S. Deacon, L. de Rome, J. C. Dunbar, C. A. B. Musket, F. Normington, T. P. Saunderson, S. J. C. Stanesby, G. G. Thomson, and J. R. Way (Capt.). Reserves: J. F. Lunny, and H. S. Jones.

## LOCAL YACHTING.

## FULL PROGRAMME FOR WEEK END.

There is a full programme of yachting for the week-end. To-day the racing yachts compete in the 7th Championship race of the season, the course being:—North Fairway (S), Cuck Rock Buoy (S). Distance: 7.6 miles.

To-morrow (Sunday) the cruisers take part in the race between the Commodore and the Club.

On Monday the Ladies sail their 6th Championship race, the course being:—Channel Rock (S), Mark in Quarry Bay (S), Kowloon Rock (P). Distance: 5.16 miles.

The first half of the yachting season has nearly been completed. There remain two more Championship races for the racing yachts (on Saturday, January 21, and Saturday, January 28) while cruisers have another Championship event on Sunday, January 29.

## MYSTERY ILLNESS.

## SEÑORITA ALVAREZ FEARED POISONED.

A mysterious illness of Señorita Alvarez of which no one in England was aware, and of which the cause is still unexplained, was revealed in a cable from Nice.

The cable states that the famous tennis star has been dangerously ill at Monte Carlo for more than twenty days. She has been suffering from poisoning believed to be due to eating oysters.

Doctors were at first unable to diagnose the complaint, and at one time they feared for her life. She is now better, and intends undergoing severe training for the forthcoming tennis tournaments.

## BEAUFORT CLUB RECONSTITUTED.

London, Dec. 31.  
The Beaufort Club, which it was announced a few weeks ago, would have to get out of existence, has been reconstituted under new management.

## INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY.

London, Dec. 31.  
In a hockey match in Paris the Stade Francaise and Oxford Occasionals drew two all.  
Paris University met Middlesex Hospital and won by the goal in five.

## GREYHOUND RACING.

London, Dec. 31.  
With the idea of combating the forces that are opposed to the sport a "Greyhound Racing Protection Society" is being formed.

## LOCAL GOLF.

## STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.24 a.m. T. D. E. Pendered, L. E. Andrews v. United Services (Foursomes).  
9.28 " F. H. Bloxham, H. G. Sheldon v. United Services (Foursomes).  
9.32 " G. Murray, C. C. Stark v. United Services (Foursomes).  
9.36 " F. A. Redmond, F. J. de Rome v. United Services (Foursomes).  
9.40 " W. Adamson, J. Coulthart.  
9.44 " C. L. Edwards, F. M. Ellis.  
9.48 " T. Ramsay, H. A. Lammer.  
9.52 " H. A. Mills, W. C. Clark.  
9.56 " K. S. Morrison, H. L. Mackenzie.  
10.00 " V. M. Grayburn, T. G. Weall.  
10.04 " H. G. Mills, W. K. Tait.  
10.08 " H. R. Sturt, G. R. Waller.  
10.12 " A. Sommerfeldt, E. R. Hallifax.



Walter Hagen, who recently won the Professional Golfers' Association championship for the fourth consecutive year. He also won it in 1921, giving him the title five times out of the ten the P. G. A. tournaments have been held.

10.16 " J. H. Raikes, L. G. S. Dodwell.  
10.20 " E. D. Black, R. K. Valentine.  
10.24 " W. MacMahon, F. G. Fowle.  
10.28 " E. B. Clarke, H. E. Standage.  
10.32 " J. K. Shaw, C. P. Ross.  
10.36 " R. E. Macdougall, W. L. Dunbar.  
10.40 " H. H. Lennox, C. G. Mackie.  
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11.48 " A. E. Purves, A. O. Brown.  
11.52 " P. P. J. Wodehouse, D. H. Blake.  
11.56 " J. Cameron, W. Wright.  
12.00 p.m. D. J. Lewis, G. Davidson.  
12.04 " H. R. Forsyth, H. Spicer.  
12.08 " E. Stone, E. J. Mahon.  
12.12 " D. Forbes, R. Warbrick.  
12.16 " E. Davidson, C. E. Johnson.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS RACKETS.

London, Dec. 31.  
In the semi-finals of the Public Schools Rackets Handicap Eton beat Clifton and Winchester beat Cheltenham.

## SNOBBERY.

## THE CHANCES AMATEURS ARE REFUSING.

## YORKSHIRE'S CRICKET ERROR.

Are there too few first-class amateurs in sport, or, alternatively, are there too many professionals? asks J. H. Lockon, the well-known Surrey cricketer and amateur international footballer.

In Soccer entire professional teams have become the rule rather than the exception, and it would appear that we are tending towards snobbishness in sport in consequence. School after school has changed its code of football. Why? An old boy Soccer player sees that League football has been professionalised and the incentive to play regularly, though he may be good enough for a particular club, is small.

An old boy Rugby player of note has a far bigger choice of good class clubs when considering his week-end amusement, and one who is only of average class has a far greater chance of getting a game than the corresponding Soccer players have.

## A Headmaster's Verdict.

What are we heading for? One chief game for the public school-boy, and now the secondary school-boy too, and another for the elementary boy? This would be disastrous.

Hear the words of the headmaster of Shrewsbury a short time ago: "The campaign against Soccer in favour of Rugby was urged with a fanaticism that bordered on the ridiculous. Various reasons were advanced, but the driving force was snobbishness."

The F.A. realise this, but what have they done? They have talked a lot about public school football, but have done practically nothing to help it. They have helped the elementary schools in every possible way—and a jolly good thing, too. But let them bring in the other schools as well. What about the "Oxford cricketer" scheme applied to Soccer?

The Corinthians, the A.F.A., and the Casuals (particularly the Casuals) are the only bodies who try to keep the Soccer flag flying at the schools.

Practically every Wednesday you will find the Casuals visiting some school ground—first-class or second-class public schools, if they can be so graded, or secondary schools.

## Effect on Army Games.

To go one step further, and consider the effect on games in the British Army. I believe it was Brigadier-General Kentish who said that "if many more schools went over to Rugby we should eventually have one game for the 'Tommy' and another for the officers"—another disaster.

Let us now turn to cricket. Would it not be a great catastrophe if the schools in future years (I do not mean the immediate future) were to look around for other games and there are other popular summer games, in the same way as they have done in the footer season?

Since the war one has frequently heard criticism concerning the almost entirely professional element in the Yorkshire team.

Supporters of Yorkshire wish that one or two forcing batsmen of the amateur type could be unearthed, for this is all they want to make the team once again the finest county eleven.

Can they hope to discover such men, however, when they will not play them occasionally?

Surely, in a county like this there must be several good amateurs, but as the Yorkshire Committee want the ready-made article straight away, these amateurs do not get a game.

The public schools and universities are nurseries of amateur cricket, and in them, as well as in the professionals, lies the great hope that English cricket will reach the high plane it occupied in the past.

It would not do for cricket to become professionalised entirely. We must keep this wonderful British game for all classes in these isles and the Empire beyond the seas.

## A Soccer Puzzle.

A final note about Soccer. Football will not be out of place, as I consider its need is more pressing than is the case in cricket. In League football to-day there is a great chance for the amateur, but he is not taking it. He appears to prefer to play for his amateur club. Is it that the amateur does not want to play in the best class of football? I cannot answer this.

When I say that there is a great chance for the amateur I mean this: there are not enough good-class professionals to go round now that we have three divisions of the league.

I say this in all seriousness and I know persons many amateurs who could step straight into professional football, and, given a short time to settle down, would improve he game and bring new ideas into League football. Do they want to do this—in larger numbers than at present, I mean? Apparently not.

## Snobbery Not Dead.

Many of the professionals in both cricket and football are delightful fellows, and I believe I am right in saying that, were they to be canvassed, they would tell you that they would rather be led by an amateur than a fellow professional, always provided he was one of ability and not a nonentity.

I have many charming fellows in mind at present, of the Rev. K. R. G. Hunt type, both in cricket and football, whom the geniuses such as Jack Hobbs, Wilfred Rhodes, Steve Bloomer, Charlie Buchan, etc., would all have been delighted to serve under.

To sum up, I thought that the war had killed all snobbishness, but I am afraid that arguments I have heard concerning school games during the football season are causing me to alter my opinion.

## RUGBY SENSATION.

## WARATAH FORWARD ORDERED OFF THE FIELD.

A sensation was caused in this afternoon's Rugby match between the Waratahs and Cardiff, before a crowd of 25,000 people, when J. Ford, a Waratah forward, was ordered off the field.

The score at half-time was: Waratahs, 9; Cardiff, 3. The final score was: Waratahs, 15; Cardiff, 8.

## INVITATION TO LORD HARRIS.

London, Dec. 31.  
The Australian Board of Control has invited Lord Harris to accompany the English Test team when it visits Australia this year, but Lord Harris has replied that he regrets he is unable to find the time to make the trip.

## 200 A SIDE.

## ROYAL PROCLAMATION VETOING CRICKET.

## AN UMPIRE STORY.

How Englishmen have carried cricket to the ends of the earth, and how, on at least one occasion, their action evoked the issue of a royal proclamation suppressing the game, is related by Mr. F. S. Ashley-Cooper in his interesting volume, "Cricket Highways and Byways."

Extraordinary effects followed the introduction of cricket by men of H.M.S. "Diamond" into Samoa in 1884. The natives took to it with such avidity that they endeavoured to improve it. "Matches of 200 a side took place, with four or five umpires and three batsmen at each end, the contests lasting for weeks. Work was neglected, and steps had to be taken to compel the natives to return to reason. Men who played were expelled from Church and the King had to issue a decree."

## Proclamation.

Malleton, King of Samoa, issued a proclamation, "To all the districts of Samoa. Notice:—It is strictly prohibited for a village to travel and play cricket with another village. It is strictly prohibited for two villages to play cricket together. It is also prohibited for a village to play cricket among themselves. Should any village or district fail to keep this law in any respect, they will be fined a sum not exceeding 45 dollars or in default be sent to fall for three months with hard labour."

The law was afterwards relaxed, and to-day Apla is the centre of a cricket association, with two white and four Samoan teams.

An Oxford and Cambridge team played "All the World" at Rome as far back as 1843. The Surrey team were to have played a match in the Bois de Boulogne in Paris late in the eighteenth century, when the outbreak of the French Revolution stopped the project, and it was not until 1818 that the Duke of Wellington witnessed a match at Cambray between British military officers. French people regarded the game as dangerous, and the tale is told of a general who solemnly warned a bowler: "Not so fast, sir, if you please, not so fast."

Cricket was carried to the Iberian Peninsula by British officers in Napoleonic War days. Lord Goschen, when on a special mission to Constantinople in 1880, fostered the game in Turkey. Three of the Russian Czar's were interested, and Nicholas II. had a cricket pitch made at the Imperial Palace at Peterhof.

## Play in Persia.

Persia saw its first cricket match in 1855, when it is related that the British expeditionary force, who conquered Herat, found it necessary to bore holes for the stumps in a large flat rock, and to field in deep sand under a burning sun. India had played cricket since 1792, so that the game there was already three-quarters of a century old when Canon Ainger wrote his famous limerick:—

There was an old man of Bengal  
Who purchased a bat and a ball,  
Some gloves and some pads—  
It was one of his fads—  
For he never played cricket at all!

England carried cricket to China and Burma and to islands all over the Pacific, and in Napoleon's days

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## WARNING BY DEAN.

## CREAM OF THE RACE THROWN AWAY.

## SAYS DEAN INGE.

Those who have succeeded by their energy and ability are more likely than failures to have distinguished children, said Dean Inge at the Oxford Lunch Club. The children of the professional classes are better endowed naturally than the offspring of manual labourers.

Society favoured the increase of slum-dwellers' children and the decrease of professional, men's sons. This was very grave. Feeble-minded women at present showed the highest birth-rate, slum-dwellers next, and miners next. The lowest birth-rate characterised doctors and after them the clergy and teachers.

"We are throwing away the cream of each generation because the best of the working classes absorbed by the professional classes become sterile."

## WAR PROPHECIES.

## FRENCH STATESMAN'S FEARS.

Startling prophecies regarding the next war were made by M. de Jouvenel, the French statesman, in a message to the London War Danger Conference.

"I look forward to 1935 with dread," he said. "Those who conducted the peace negotiations built up a structure that will be good for 15 years. But what is 15 years? I repeat that 1935 is the crucial year. France will then be at its minimum strength, and will have lost the protection afforded by the occupation of the Rhine. I hope with all my heart that the League of Nations before 1935 will have gained the authority necessary to prevent a recurrence of war."

M. de Jouvenel concluded by expressing the opinion that in the event of another European war America would not be on the same side as England.

General von Schoenele, described as the idol of the German militarist Press during the war, said that the danger would not be from German militarism or nationalism, but from big owners of important raw materials. "When oil kings cannot agree, other people must fight for them," he said.

## PRINCESS BIBESCO'S EPIGRAMS.

Princess Bibesco, the daughter of the Earl of Oxford, provides the reading public with some more of her customary epigrams and eccentricities of language in "There Is No Return." Here are some quotations from her new book:—

"It seemed to him that a 'bobbed' woman could hardly give the sense of being in bed. What a ridiculous thing, this modern generation, clipped of hair and reticence, and adventure. Without virtue, without vice, without point, without mystery: how adequately these shorn and shiny heads supplied a demand ignorant alike of promise and fulfilment."

"I wish you needed me," she said in a pale voice.

"Even the most fastidious women," he reflected, "sometimes talk like serials."

"To all good doctors disease is mystery."

"Those perfect women invariably have cadd in their lives."

"What a lot we know about everything except life."

"A strange codeless race, women. Always ready to sacrifice themselves—and every one else—to the thing they love."

There are some good stories of cricket umpires. A country umpire once called, "No ball," as the bowler stepped over the crease. "Wide," he added, as the ball appeared to be so. But the batsman reached out and struck the ball. "Well hit," shouted the umpire, and "Well caught," as a fielder brought off a catch. Then he exclaimed, "Hout, Hout," and strolled meditatively towards square leg.

Cricket's Injury.

It is announced that Lilley, the Nottinghamshire wicket-keeper, will not, as was feared, lose the finger which was injured in the match against Glamorgan.

A piece of loose bone, which was the root of the trouble, has worked its way out, and it is expected that Lilley will be quite fit again in a few weeks.

## MONEY &amp; SHARES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Bank 4 months' sight ..... 2/- 1/4  
Credits 4 months' sight 2/1 1/2  
Documentary 4 months' sight ..... 2/1 1/2

On Paris—  
On demand ..... 1265  
Credits 4 months' sight 1340

On Berlin—  
On demand ..... 49 1/2  
Credits 60 days' sight 51 1/2

On New York—  
On demand ..... 135 1/2

On Bombay—  
On demand ..... 135 1/2

On Calcutta—  
On demand ..... 135 1/2

On Singapore—  
On demand ..... 87 1/2

On Manila—  
On demand ..... 100 1/2

On Shanghai—  
On demand ..... 78 1/2

80 day's sight (private paper) ..... 78 1/2

On Yokohama—  
On demand ..... 105 1/2

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per taal) ..... 26 5/16

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ..... 9.45

Silver (per oz) ..... 26 5/16

Bar Silver in Hong Kong ..... 2% prem.

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## LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris ..... 124

New York ..... 4.87 1/2

Brussels ..... 34.98

Geneva ..... 25.31

Amsterdam ..... 12.09 1/2

Berlin ..... 20.48

Milan ..... 92.20

Stockholm ..... 18.13

Copenhagen ..... 18.20

Oslø ..... 18.22 1/2

Vienna ..... 18.25 1/2

Prague ..... 18.57 1/2

Helsingfors ..... 19.32

Madrid ..... 28.69

Athens ..... 36.74

Lisbon ..... 2 18/32

Bucharest ..... 7.90

Rio ..... 5 26/32

Buenos Aires ..... 47 18/16

Bombay ..... 1/6 1/16

Shanghai ..... 2/7 1/4

Hong Kong ..... 2/0

Yokohama ..... 1/11 1/16

Silver Spot ..... 26 5/16

Silver Forward ..... 26 1/2

—British Wireless Service.

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## MOTORING SECTION

## THE BEARINGS.

## 100 IN THE ENGINE ALONE.

There are three reasons why the bearings of a car are tremendously important factors in operating the vehicle satisfactorily. Bearings are designed for the purpose of lessening friction, helping parts of the machine to wear longer, and to secure a splendid adjustment.

Of the several types of bearings found in motor cars, some are of metal selected with the idea of obtaining greater strength rather than non-friction qualities. On the other hand, some have strong metal shells lined with a comparatively soft, non-friction metal. In addition there are the so-called anti-friction bearings in which balls, or straight, tapered or helical rollers are used. The latter class give a rolling, rather than sliding, contact.

In the engine alone there are more than 100 bearings. The cylinders and pistons, not generally termed bearings, are usually of cast iron, which gives long wear and little friction when properly lubricated. When wear does occur at this point, the cylinders must be rebored and have larger pistons fitted.

Wrist pin bearings are usually in the form of a bronze shell, called a bushing, surrounding the wrist pin. When wear occurs, it is necessary to drive out the bushing and replace with a new one which fits.

Crank-pin bearings are usually bronze lined with babbitt. Wear here necessitates an adjustment, which can be made by taking out thin sheets of metal called shims. Similar in type are the main crank-shaft bearings.

Cam-shaft bearings often follow the ball type, which must be replaced with new ones when they become worn. Bearings for the cam-follower may be just flat plates resting directly upon the cam, or rollers running on a pin in the valve push-rod. Adjustments can be made by means of screws on the push rods, but the push-rod guides require replacement when worn.

Oil pump bearings consist of a plunger working in a small cylinder, with one end bearing against a cam, or a pair of gears driven from the cam shaft. Perfectly lubricated, these bearings seldom require adjustment. All the bearings mentioned above are cared for by the lubricating system of the engine, which starts when the engine functions, provided there is a supply of oil.

The fan usually has ball bearings, lubricated with a squirt can, whereas the water pump bearings are lubricated by compression grease caps. When they become badly worn it is necessary to drive out the bushings of the latter and replace them. Probably the shaft also will need replacing.

Valve-stem guides are mostly holes bored through the cylinder castings. If worn, the holes must be reamed true and larger, and valves with larger stems inserted. In the ignition system, ball-bearings are the general rule, with or without means of adjustment. These are lubricated with a grease can or packed in grease.

The carburettor air-valve bearing operates better if not lubricated, but wears and needs replacing at times.

A number of bearings on the throttle and spark-control linkage should be lubricated frequently. Usually they are not adjustable, so that parts must be replaced when worn.

The self-starter motor and generator are usually equipped with ball-bearings and are lubricated with a squirt can. Both the motor and generator have a copper commutator on which carbon brushes bear. These are not bearings, strictly speaking, but they do require a very slight trace of oil.

Other principal bearings are usually of ball or roller type, which may or may not be adjustable. While practically all of the bearings in the engine are kept well lubricated by the main engine lubricating system, those located on other parts of the chassis usually need individual attention.

The bearings in the transmission gear, rear axle and steering gear are lubricated from the supply of oil carried in the respective housings. Directions for care and replacements are usually given in the manufacturer's instruction book and should be studied.

## NEW TYPE.

## CONDENSER PETROL FILTER.

A new type of petrol filter, that in construction closely resembles a radio condenser, is represented by a new British production. The principles of this filter are certainly unique, in that it has no gauze or chamolais screens, the petrol being filtered by edge filtration through a pile of metal discs.

In construction there are three piles of stationary cleaning discs, and a central set which can be rotated at will by means of a handle at the top of the bowl. In action the petrol comes in through the inlet and passes over the first set of fixed discs, travels over the central and moveable discs, and finally out and on to the carburettor. It is claimed that by this method the petrol is very thoroughly filtered, all foreign particles and water being removed. Unlike an ordinary filter, it is unnecessary to disassemble it to clean the filter surfaces, this being done while the engine is running by simply turning the handle, and causing the discs to rub on one another, thus throwing the accumulation of dirt, &c., into the sump provided at the bottom of the bowl.

## A FLAT-RATE TAX.

A suggestion that has been put before "The Motor" is that all cars manufactured before a certain date, which should be advanced as time proceeds, might be taxed on a flat rate, irrespective altogether of horse-power. A reasonable sum would be, say, four guineas. The introduction of some such scheme of taxation of old cars would prove of inestimable service to the industry, the user and the Exchequer, for a rich revenue would be forthcoming from thousands of vehicles which are actually producing nothing at all because the tax is the prohibiting factor.

We go further than this, continuing our contemporary, and suggest that all cars after, say, five years' use should automatically be subject to a rebate of 50 per cent. Here, again, both the industry and the Exchequer would gain, as used cars of a reasonably modern type would change hands more frequently and circulate with more freedom than at present.

No taxation system should be re-stricted trade. If it does so it is a thoroughly bad system. When it cripples trade and cuts down revenue, means for relieving trade depression, for bringing just alleviation to the user and increasing revenue should be discovered and adopted.

## A NEW CARBURETTOR.

Designed with the intention of eliminating "flat speeds, a new carburettor has recently found its way on the market as the result of the experiments of a well-known British inventor.

The basic principle of this carburettor is very simple. A description is as follows:—The main jets feed into a U-tube which is open to the atmosphere at the end, and the junction of the jet and tube is below the level of the petrol in the float chamber. When the engine is idling, and thus getting most of its petrol from the compensator jet, a reserve supply of petrol flows into, and is stored in, the U-tube. If the throttle is opened suddenly, this reserve of petrol is ready for immediate use, having already passed through the restricted opening of the jet.

A quick jumping getaway from idling to fast speed is the direct result of an unbroken supply of properly mixed fuel, and the principle of storage as used in this new carburettor seems to ensure that supply.

A new stunt to boost service station sales by giving a free bottle of perfectly good beer with the purchase of every five gallons of petrol had the desired result for the proprietor of a petrol station at Winona, Ontario, but it got him into trouble. The magistrate was of the opinion that petrol and beer did not mix very well, and he was sentenced to three months in jail.

## FUEL FEED.

## ELECTRICALLY OPERATED DEVICE.

An electrically operated petrol feed device, known as the "Autopulse magnetic feed pump," has been brought out by an American inventor. With this device petrol is drawn from the main tank and delivered to the carburettor by the pumping action of a brass bellows, which is expanded by an electromagnet energised from the car battery. This action also compresses a helical spring which supplies the energy necessary to compress the bellows thus delivering the fuel drawn into it by the expansion. Output to the carburettor by the carburettor float valve. The pump has a rated capacity of eight gallons an hour, which supply is considered large enough for even the biggest commercial vehicle.

Tracing from the diagram, the construction is as follows: The winding on the electro magnet is connected to the ignition switch and consequently current flows through it as soon as the switch is closed. The armature has a three-point mounting, consisting of three hardened steel balls, two below and one above, and is free to move up and down in a manner similar to a hinge. The centre of the base of the bellows is attached to the armature. The pull exerted on the armature by the electro-magnet causes it to move downwards, thus expanding the bellows. This motion also compresses the helical spring. A pair of tungsten contacts are included in the electrical circuit. The first contact is mounted on a flat phosphor bronze spring, attached to which is a steel sleeve. This sleeve goes part of the way into the electro-magnet. When the current flows the magnetic action on the sleeve is such that it moves upward towards the armature, thus stressing the spring and increasing the pressure on the contacts. This occurs during the downward stroke of the armature. It prolongs the contact time, and the release of the spring gives a more rapid break after the downward motion of the armature opens the circuit by separating the contacts. The cycle is completed by the upward motion of the armature caused by the spring and the closure of the contacts. The stroke length is controlled by the action of the spring.

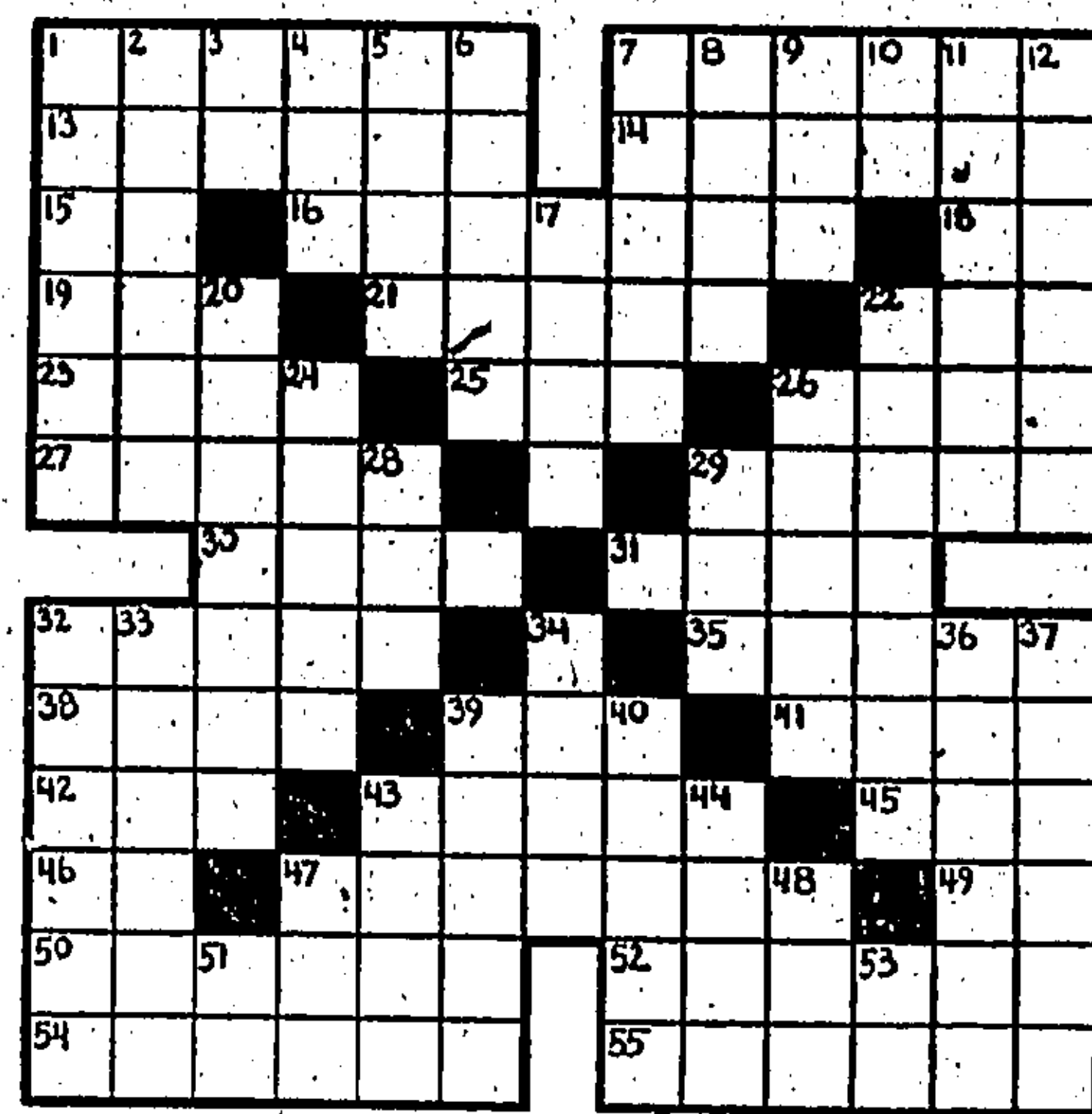
Petrol is drawn into the pump by the expansion of the bellows. It enters and passes through the shaft in the wall of the cap under the chamber. It then passes through the screen and enters the bellows through the spring-controlled valve. Discharge is through the automatic valve and the outlet. The outlet of the pump depends on the rate at which petrol is drawn from the carburettor float chamber, or the rate of fuel consumption. The force exerted by the spring is not sufficient to compress the bellows and force petrol into the float chamber when it is full. However, as soon as sufficient fuel is withdrawn to operate the needle valve the spring compresses the bellows and discharges the fuel. At the same time it closes the electrical contact, causing the pump to take a suction stroke, and pumping continues at a greater or less capacity, depending on the needle valve opening. The autopulse delivers petrol to the carburettor only as it is needed, and when it is not pumping no current is being drawn from the battery.

Some of the advantages claimed for this system are that it attains full petrol pressure at the carburettor, before the engine is cranked, and that it maintains a satisfactory supply regardless of grade, altitude, or temperature. It is self-priming, and only a small supply of petrol is carried in close proximity to the carburettor. The ignition switch controls the supply of petrol, and in case of fire the supply can be cut off immediately simply by turning off the switch. It is claimed that this device cannot flood the engine, as fuel can enter only in the normal manner through the carburettor. No lubrication or adjustments are necessary during the life of the average car.

Henceforth a B.A. at Oxford, like an undergraduate, must get a proctorial license for his motor vehicle. He must keep it in a licensed garage with a distinguishing green light on it.

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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## HORIZONTAL

1-Jumped suddenly  
 7-Route  
 13-Choose  
 14-Kind of apple  
 15-Musical note  
 16-Kitchen utensil  
 18-Thus  
 19-Emmet  
 21-Clock faces  
 22-A tree  
 23-Flat-bottom boat  
 25-Nothing  
 26-Out of  
 27-Girl's name  
 28-Smile broadly  
 30-Set  
 31-Vegetable  
 32-Twitter  
 35-Ether compound  
 38-Hurries  
 39-Quiet  
 41-At this place  
 42-Unit of energy

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

43-Peeled  
 46-Mockingly  
 48-Contrivance  
 49-Man's name (familiar)  
 47-Deaf  
 48-Musical note  
 50-Level stretches  
 52-Kind of valve  
 54-Quiet  
 55-Steps

## VERTICAL

1-Spatter  
 2-Dance about  
 3-Musical note  
 4-To the rear  
 6-Want  
 6-Unit of weight  
 7-A real  
 8-Channel  
 9-Beast of burden  
 10-Exists  
 11-An injury

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

12-Revere  
 17-Hurt  
 20-Ringing  
 22-Kind of turnover  
 24-Puts on  
 26-New  
 28-Pinch  
 29-To the right, as in driving  
 32-Crawls  
 33-Jump over  
 34-Coagulated milk  
 36-Rubber  
 37-Sends back  
 38-Paragon  
 40-Encounter  
 43-Stored up  
 44-A mild expletive  
 47-By way of  
 48-Mineral spring  
 51-In the year of our Lord (Latin abbr.)  
 53-Jumbled type

## SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still other words, and so on, until you have filled in the puzzle.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## REMOVING THAT DENT IN THE PETROL TANK.

A simple and effective way of removing the after-effects of a collision in which the tank has suffered is as follows: Clean around the centre of the dent with a piece of fine emery paper until all paint is removed and the metal is quite bright. To this spot solder a brass washer, or a penny, to which has been attached a piece of wire. This done, a sharp tug at the wire will bring the tank back to its normal shape, when the washer can be removed and the repair painted over.

## WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on January 1, 1928:—

## CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1923	1927
Tytam .....	13' 8" B	12' 8" B
Tytam Byewash .....	25' 4" B	26' 6" B
Tytam Intermediate Level .....		
Tytam Tuk .....	12' 11" B	22' 6" B
Wong Nel Chung .....	15' 2" B	15' 4" B
Pokfulum .....	17' 11" B	19' 8" B

(Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow.")

## Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1927	1928
Tytam .....	278.72	285.76
Tytam Byewash .....	59	33
Tytam Intermediate .....	195.90	195.90
Tytam Tuk .....	1,121.75	928.98
Wong Nel Chung .....	18.59	13.46
Pokfulum .....	28.33	26.82

Total .....

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1926	1927
Consumption .....	244.29	271.58
Estimated population 407,620 .....		417,940
Consumption per head .....	19.3	20.9

Full Supply in all Rides Main Districts during December, 1926 with the exception of the districts West

of Eastern Street where an Intermit-

tent Supply was given from 4th to

31st December, 1926.

Full supply in all Rides Main Dis-

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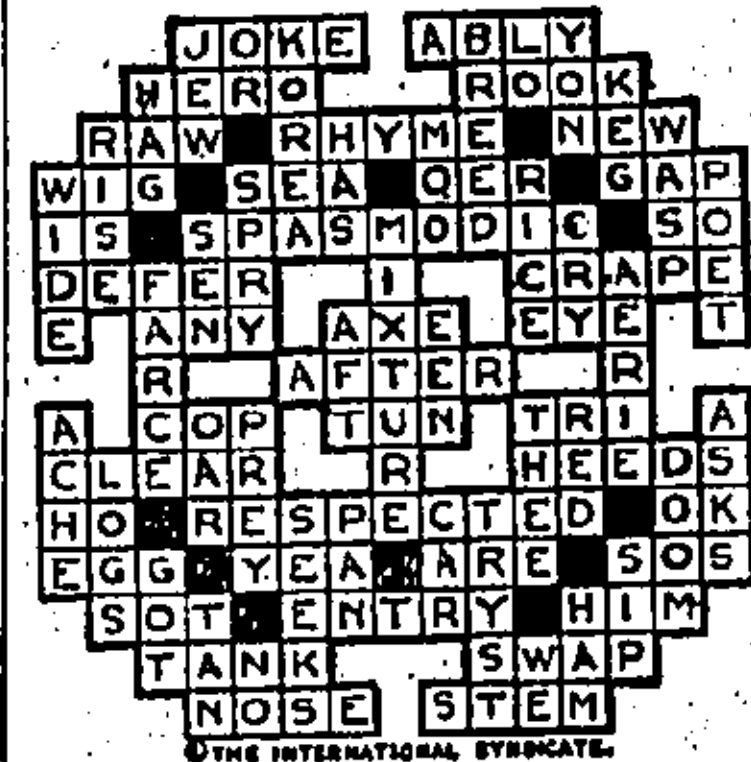
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tent Supply was given from 1st to 31st

December, 1927.

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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## KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir .....	7' 0" B	7' 4" B
Shek Lai Pul Reser-voir .....	0' 7" B	1' 1" B
Reception Reservoir .....	8' 4" B	2' 3" B

## Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir .....	283.50	280.42
Shek Lai Pul Reser-voir .....	98.40	98.37
Reception Reservoir .....	24.55	27.24

Total .....

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1926	1927
Consumption .....	74.89	163.09
Estimated population 168,140 .....		163,190
per day .....	15.3	17.5

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OH I'M SO GLAD YOU  
 CAME HOME EARLY  
 THIS IS BARON LAVA  
 HE JUST ARRIVED  
 AND IS ANXIOUS TO  
 SEE THE CITY



AM MRS JIGGS I HAVE TWO  
 TICKETS TO THE THEATRE FOR  
 TONIGHT AND WOULD JOLLY  
 WELL ENJOY HAVING YOUR  
 HUSBAND JOIN ME



MY HUSBAND HAS TO TAKE  
 ME TO THE OPERA BUT I'M  
 SURE DELICIOUS TO GO SO  
 YOU TAKE HIM I KNOW YOU  
 WILL ENJOY HIS COMPANY





## RACIAL DECAY.

## DEAN INGE'S LATEST WARNING.

## STERILE PROFESSIONS.

Oxford, Dec. 2.

"We are taking off the cream of each generation and throwing it away, for when the best of the working classes are absorbed by the professional classes they become sterile. This is a process which cannot be continued with impunity," said Dean Inge, addressing the members of the Oxford Luncheon Club to-day on "Breed and national tradition." Dean Inge was alluding to differentiation in the birth-rate among different classes during recent years. There was a great danger, he said, that the racial type in this country would deteriorate owing to these differentiations.

"It is a new danger, for until the last two generations there is no reason to think that the birth-rate of the more highly endowed and successful classes was lower than that of the slum dwellers, but in three generations the change for the worse will be very great indeed. At the present time the highest birth-rate is among the feeble-minded women, who have an average of seven or eight children. Next come dwellers in the worst slums of our large towns, places like Shoreditch. Next to them come the miners, who are an excellent type, and quite desirable parents. At the other end of the scale are the doctors, among whom the birth-rate is lowest. Next come members of the ruling and the teaching professions, and then the farmers. There is no class which is endowed better physically and mentally than the professional classes, and there is not the slightest doubt that if the state of society favours the rapid increase of the slum dweller and the decrease of the children of professional men it will be a very serious thing for the future of the country."

### One Explanation.

Dean Inge offered as one important explanatory factor the payment of professional men. "Young men in the professions are grossly underpaid and old men like myself overpaid," he said amidst laughter. "Whether it is desirable to have elderly parents is a question which has not been solved. Many distinguished people have been sons of fathers well advanced in middle life, whereas, on the other hand, the famous discoverer of logarithms was the son of a boy of sixteen. We must attach more importance to national tradition than we have done. The theory of Nordic superiority has been done to death, but at the same time I am far from agreeing with those who minimise the importance of heredity. Breeding must be more important than environment. It is a matter of enormous importance to the future of the country that increased knowledge of the facts about these things should influence our attitude towards social reform. It is with us that the remedy must lie, for we shall get no help from the politicians. They realise that the unborn have no vote. (Laughter.)"

Dean Inge expressed his entire approval of the American quota system in immigration. "There is a school in America which has developed the Nordic theory, though, I am afraid, to excess." They pointed out the very great danger of that stock being submerged in America. Whereas in the middle of the nineteenth century the large number of Americans were descended from British, German or Scandinavian ancestors, in the second decade of the twentieth century 77.2 of the immigrants came from Latin, Slav and other races, which do not assimilate easily. The effect was startling in awakening Americans to the danger of a peaceful conquest of their country by alien races. Legislation was passed, which is to become more severe next year to restrict drastically the number of immigrants from the south and east of Europe. I think the Americans were perfectly right. The danger was great, and the steps taken to counteract it were taken only just in time."

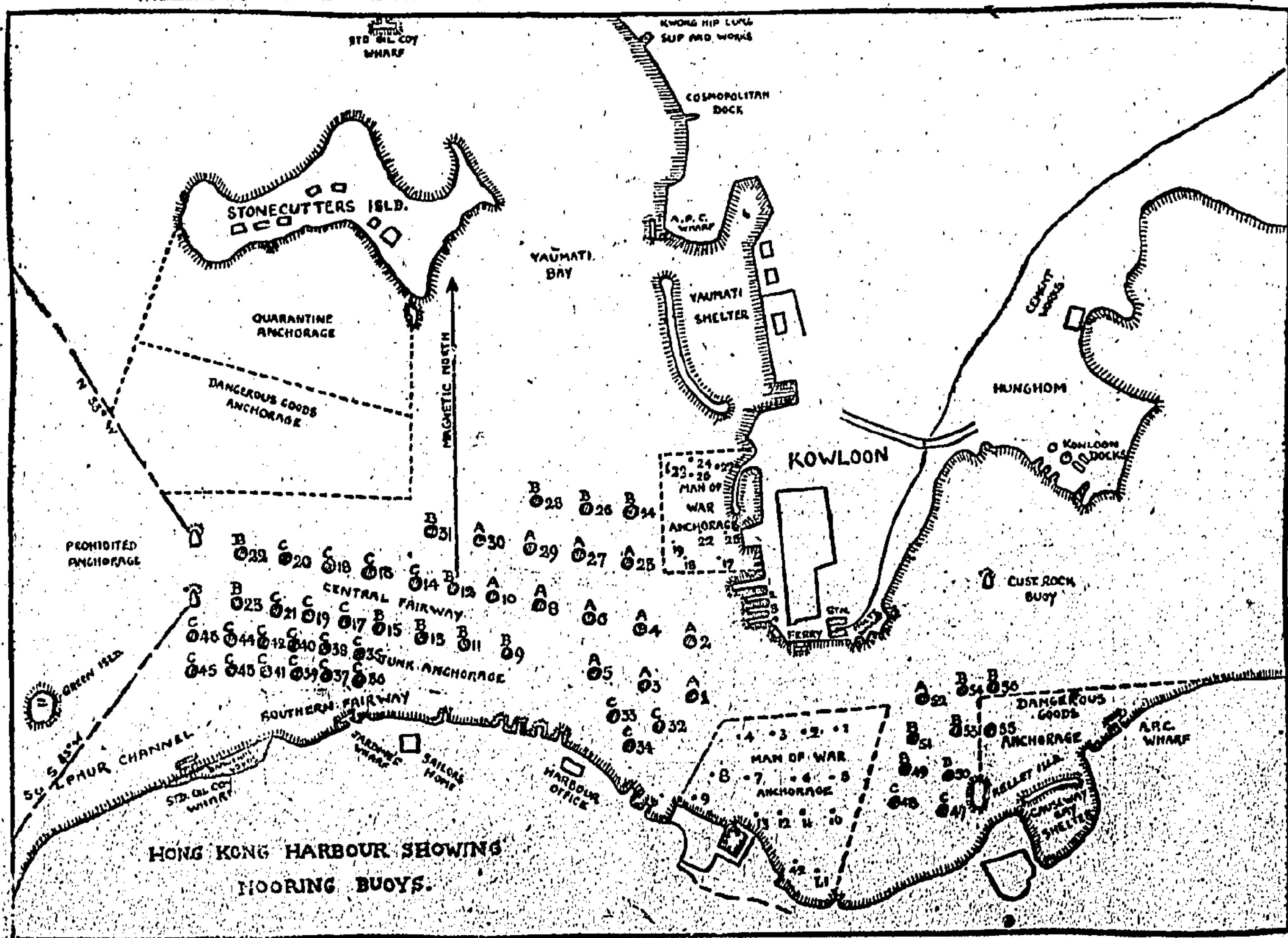
## Eugenics Carried Too Far.

At the same time Dean Inge ex-

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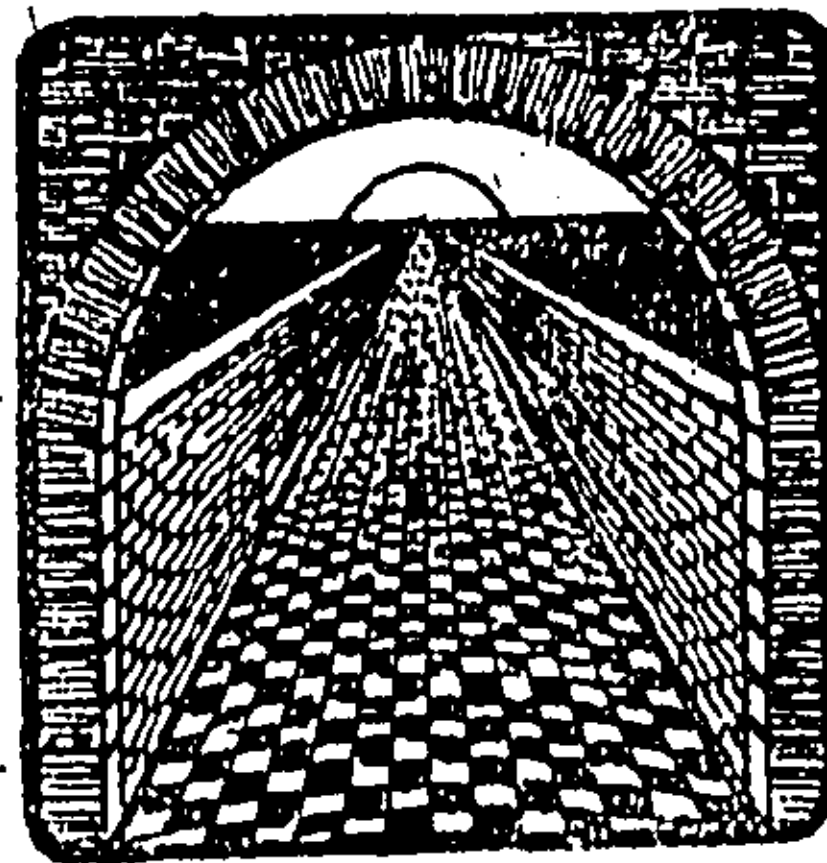
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Canton, during the past week, has experienced a period of quiet such as has not been its lot since General Li Chai-sum left the capital for Shanghai. Now that he is back business is being resumed as before and peace reigns in the city. In the countryside the Kwangsi troops are still chasing the Iron-sides and a fresh outbreak against Communists has commenced. Underneath the surface, however, there are many political movements afoot, and these are fully dealt with by our Chinese observers and correspondents in this week's "Overland Mail."

On the Yangtze the Nationalists find themselves internally at loggerheads and externally threatened by an army from Hunan. Hankow, as our special correspondents point out in the "Overland," may at any time prove to be the scene of an armed struggle.

All local events are fully reported in the "Overland," including police court proceedings concerning the charge against two Canton officials of possessing a large sum of money alleged to have been stolen from the Central Bank of China. Politics, it seems, enter into this case, and it is creating an amount of interest.

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## STORY OF CREATION.

DARWINISTS &amp; THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE.

## MAN'S PEDIGREE.

Professor Sir Arthur Keith writes in the "Literary Guide":—Every season, sometimes oftener, women find themselves in a serious quandary. Must last season's hat be scrapped? Or is it possible, by judicious concessions to fashion, to make it continue in service?

Modern clergymen, it seems to me, have to face a situation of a somewhat like kind. Must the account of man's first appearance given in Genesis be scrapped? Or is it possible, by judicious trimming, to make the old account fit within the new scheme of knowledge?

Clergymen are now free to choose. The recent letters exchanged between the Bishop of Birmingham and the Archbishop of Canterbury leave them an open course; they may treat Genesis as an allegory or replace it altogether by Darwin's account of man's first appearance. Either course is now orthodox.

Why is it that medical men, particularly those who are responsible for laying their profession upon a solid basis of fact, no longer temporize with Genesis, but have scrapped this book, even as an allegory? It is because it cannot be made to agree in any way with the great and growing fund of knowledge which has been collected concerning the behaviour of man's body and mind, in health and in disease.

The pioneer in medicine has ceased to regard the doctrine of evolution as a matter of merely theoretical interest. He finds it to be just as necessary for him to postulate that the human body has been evolved as it is for the navigator to believe that the earth is round. How could any modern teacher of medical students assure his class, even in allegory, that the first woman was a modified rib?

Let me cite a recent incident to illustrate the manner in which the truth of man's evolution comes to light. My friend, Dr. Adolph Schultz, of Johns Hopkins Medical College, Baltimore, has discovered a new and peculiar structure in man's body, to which he was guided in this way. Lemurs, which are the lowest of primates, have a little brush of bristles planted among the hair of the wrist, just above the palm; these little wrist-brushes are richly supplied by nerves, and are sensitive to the slightest contact with leaf or twig. Monkeys and higher primates were supposed to be devoid of them—a fact which puzzled Dr. Schultz.

In looking into the matter he found that the lowest of monkeys have still a vestige of the wrist-brush, that it is present up almost to the time of birth in higher monkeys, and that a clear rudiment of it can be seen on the wrist of the human embryo—a rudiment which has but a brief and passing existence.

Every medical student is familiar with dozens of instances of a like kind, such as the temporary presence of a true tail, the unmistakable appearance of gill formations in the neck, and a reptilian stage in the evolution of the roof of the mouth. These may be said to be points of mere theoretical or historical interest regarding man's body's but when we find the same student studying the structure and action of the anthropoid body to disease, and then applying the results of his inquiries to the successful relief of human sufferings, we must recognise that the doctrine of evolution, from being a matter of theory, has become an essential guide to practice.

It was no idle whimsical mood which led medical men to turn away from the Biblical account of man's origin and to accept that of Darwin; real progress was impossible until the change was made.

The Biblical account of man's origin has the brevity, simplicity, and force of dramatic narrative. On a given day and at a certain place Man made his first appearance; he rose from the dust, erect and perfect in all his faculties. What have we Darwinists to offer in exchange for this picture? The evolutionary narrative, even when it is complete—which it is far from being as yet—promises to be a story of the most humdrum, matter-of-fact kind.

Our difficulty is going to concern the point at which the anthropoid story ends and that of man begins. This "transitional" difficulty ever besets the path of the student of evolution.

It what century did the tongue of our Saxon ancestors change into the English of to-day? Was it when the translators of the Bible finished their task at Westminster under James the First? Or was it in Chaucer's time or still earlier? Students of our tongue recognise that no definite point can be fixed to mark the beginning of modern English; our tongue has gone on changing and evolving from century to century, and will go on.

Those of us who are seeking to trace man's history into a distant past are encompassed by the perplexities of transition. We can trace all the changes which transform the human embryo into a human fetus, and the fetus into a full-time fruit; but so imperceptibly does the one stage glide into another that we cannot draw a definite line to mark the end of one stage and the beginning of another. We find it equally difficult to tell the exact point at which boyhood passes into manhood, and girlhood into womanhood. At what point in the journey of life does old age set in?

In unravelling man's pedigree we meet with exactly the same kind of difficulty. All that we have discovered so far concerning man's early ancestry leads us to believe that the transition from ape to man has been a very gradual process. As our knowledge of man's past increases, the question is certain to arise: Where shall we draw the line which marks the last appearance of the ape and the first appearance of man?

Indeed, that problem has already arisen. Ever since Dr. Dubois discovered the fossil remains of Pithecanthropus in Java experts have debated, often with heat, whether that being should be regarded as an ape-like man or a man-like ape. The best opinion to-day places him on the very lowest rung of the human ladder.

Even that big-brained inhabitant of ancient Europe, Neanderthal Man, has been excluded from the human family by some anatomists. Sir Arthur Smith Woodward has emphasised the strange attributes of Pithecanthropus by giving him a distinctive name—*Eoanthropus*.

These three widely differing forms of early humanity represent twigs broken from the branching fossil tree of man's ascent. What of the mighty ramifications of this fossil tree which still lie buried in the more recent geological strata of the earth? They may bring many surprises, but so far as our search has proceeded, and it has gone but a little way as yet, we have every reason to expect that the Garden of Eden in which the tree of humanity grew was world wide: when the branches in one region were sending up new and changing shoots, the branches in another region were withering and passing into decay.

The suggestion has been thrown out that, even under an evolutionary dispensation, man may have made his first appearance on earth quite suddenly and dramatically. My own investigations lend no support to this suggestion. It is quite true, as all medical men know, that sudden sports do occur in human families. Seeing that such sports occur in all domesticated breeds, this need occasion us no surprise, for man has been long domesticated.

These strange human apparitions are of many and well-defined kinds. Some of them we can explain from what we know of the factors which regulate the development and growth of the human body; others we cannot yet explain, but all of them are certainly due to a breakdown in the normal course of growth. They represent Nature's mistakes or failures, not her successes. Those who have studied the evolutionary history of diverse kinds of animal, as revealed by fossil remains, find no evidence of sudden jumps or mutations.

Nay, the more we get to know of the very elaborate and precise organisation of the human brain, the less do we conceive it possible that full-blown humanity appeared suddenly. After all, it is his brain which gives man the title to humanity. No doubt there have been progressive periods in the evolution of man's brain as well as others which may be regarded as stationary or even as retrograde. We cannot conceive the elaborate organisation of man's brain and its delicately adjusted machinery as having leapt into existence by any form of mutation.

## GLAMORGAN CRICKET FINANCES.

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## COST OF LIVING.

INTERESTING FIGURES FROM AUSTRALIA.

## MANY MEASURES.

The results of the investigations made under the direction of the Minister for Home and Territories by the Commonwealth Statistician and Actuary (Mr. C. H. Wickens) as to the prices of food and groceries (46 commodities) have been made available for the month of October, 1927.

Compared with the preceding month, says the report, there has been an increase of 1.1 per cent. for the 30 towns considered as a whole. Three of the States show increases, the greatest being in New South Wales, 3.3 per cent., followed by Western Australia .06 per cent., and Queensland 0.3 per cent. The decrease in South Australia amounted to 1.4 per cent., followed by Tasmania 0.6 per cent. and Victoria 0.3 per cent. Compared with the corresponding month of last year, three of the States show increases, the greatest being in New South Wales 5.6 per cent., followed by Victoria 5.4 per cent., and South Australia 3 per cent. The decrease in Queensland was 4.6 per cent., followed by Tasmania 2.1 per cent., and Western Australia 1.2 per cent.

The weighted average index number for the 30 towns considered as a whole was 1,846 in October, 1927, compared with 1,785 in October, 1926—an increase of 3.5 per cent.

The increase in cost since July, 1914, is greatest in New South Wales 65.8 per cent., followed by Victoria 62.4 per cent., Queensland 58.8 per cent., Tasmania 48.7 per cent., South Australia 47.8 per cent., and Western Australia 29.3 per cent. The increase in cost in the 30 towns considered as a whole from July, 1914, to October, 1927, amounts to 68.6 per cent. The actual cost of the regimen of food and groceries for the month of October, 1927, was highest in New South Wales, and lowest in Queensland. In the case of the individual towns, the cost was highest in Broken Hill and lowest in Toowoomba.

## STREET OFFENCES.

SIR WILLIAM HORWOOD'S EVIDENCE.

## CONSTABLE'S DUTIES.

Testifying before the Home Office Committee on Street Offences, Sir William Horwood, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, who controls over 25,000 men, said the competition for places in the Metropolitan Police was so keen that always there were 2,000 on the waiting list. The training was most exhausting and included attendance at mock police courts, where the candidates took the parts of prosecutor and defendant. He denied that promotion depended on convictions.

A constable's duties in connection with certain street offences were most unpopular in the force. He was not aware that prostitutes bribed policemen and expressed the opinion that London streets had improved enormously in the last thirty years. There was still a certain amount of traffic in husbands by foreign women to avoid deportation, but it was nothing compared to that carried on formerly. He contended that the solicitation of women by men should be dealt with more severely, and disagreed with the recent evidence of the magistrate, Mr. Mead, that prostitution was inevitable. Sir William considered that prostitution should be made a criminal offence in order to get clean and decent streets.

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## NAVAL RACE.

America and Her Own Needs.

### PRESS OPINIONS.

New Programme To Prevent Inferiority.

New York, Yesterday. Commenting on Mr. Wilbur's outline of the Naval programme the Democratic newspapers, "The World" and "The Times" both anticipate a British-American race in naval armaments, but the latter is of opinion that, as President Coolidge and Congress and both opposed to competitive building there is reason to believe that Congress will not commit the country to an unrestricted building programme. On the other hand the Republican organ, "The Herald Tribune" accepts Mr. Wilbur's assertion that the United States is building only for her own needs. It argues that the present programme, if adopted, will not give the United States parity with Britain under the 5-5-3 ratio, but will merely save the United States from permanent inferiority.—Reuter's American Service.

### THE NEW PROGRAMME.

Cruisers The Great Need.

Washington, Yesterday. Mr. Wilbur later corrected his statement before the Naval Committee and estimated the cost of the proposed twenty-year battleship construction programme to be \$129,000,000 annually not \$168,000,000 thus aggregating \$2,500,000,000. Previously a member of the Committee asked whether Mr. Wilbur considered that the American Navy was at present a first-class fighting force. "We need cruisers," replied Mr. Wilbur. "Then you consider the Navy is not first-class?" queried the member. "Yes," answered Mr. Wilbur.—Reuter's American Service.

## ROYAL HOUSEHOLD.

### NEW APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED.

### DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES.

Rugby, Yesterday. His Majesty the King has approved of the following appointments:—Major Sir George Hennessey to be Treasurer of His Majesty's Household vice the Right Hon. G. A. Gibbs, who has been created Lord Wraxall. Major William Cope to be Comptroller of the Household vice Major Sir Harry Carnston. Mr. F. C. Thomson to be Vice-Chamberlain of the Household vice Sir George Hennessey. Mr. N. G. Williams to be Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade vice Sir Burton Chadwick, who has resigned. Commodore N. Douglas King to be Secretary for Mines vice Mr. G. R. Lane Fox, who has resigned. Mr. A. Duff Cooper to be Financial Secretary to the War Office vice Commodore King. Mr. F. A. Penny and the Marquess of Titchfield to be Junior Lords of the Treasury.—British Wireless Service.

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Roosevelt Field, Yesterday. Clarence Chamberlain, of the New York-Germany non-stop flight, is slowly circling Long Island, in a Ballantine monoplane in an endeavour to regain the world's endurance flight which was wrested by the German, Rittsch, at Dessau, who remained in the air 52 hours 11 minutes eight seconds.—Reuter's American Service.

## INDIAN LOAN.

### UNDERWRITING ARRANGED FOR £7,500,000.

Rugby, Yesterday. Underwriting was arranged today for an Indian Government loan of £7,500,000, in 4½ per cent. stock to be issued at 91½. The redemption dates are: 1928 to 1968.—British Wireless Service.

## PEACE IN INDUSTRY

Momentous Conference Proceedings.

### A GOOD SPIRIT.

Measures To Benefit The Workers.

Rugby, Yesterday. Yesterday's conference on industrial co-operation between an influential group of employers and the General Council of Trades' Union Congress entered on a field of investigation re industrial reorganization and industrial relations, and general satisfaction is expressed on both sides as to the spirit displayed and the progress made. The "Daily Herald" (Labour organ) expresses the view that the conference, "may well prove to be momentous in the history of British industry." It lasted three hours and a long joint report was afterwards issued. On the proposal of Mr. Ben Turner, leader of the Trades' Union Council, Sir Alfred Mond, of the employers' group, occupied the chair, it being arranged that Mr. Turner should preside at the next meeting and that the chair should be occupied subsequently by Sir Alfred Mond and Mr. Turner alternately.

In outlining the views of the employers, Sir Alfred Mond expressed the view that the conference should consider not those problems directly implicated in particular industries, which must be dealt with by the industries themselves, but the whole question on a broader line of industrial development. During the last generation the whole trend of industry had altered. Changes had tended to eliminate the personal touch and the humane factor. These important factors must be kept in existence. Among general problems requiring investigation, he suggested "Housing, health and unemployment schemes." "Methods to avoid trade disputes." "Advisability of adopting a national permanent standing committee of employers and men to consult periodically on topics affecting industry." New Avenues.

Among measures to benefit workers is advocated "Consideration of means to improve their security and status." "New avenues of employment for young men." "Workers councils to smooth out daily differences." "Pensions in old age." "Participation on the basis that a worker was not merely entitled to a fixed percentage of wage but should share in the general prosperity and progress of his industry." Mr. Turner welcomed Sir Alfred Mond's statement and said that the Trades' Union Council would meet shortly to consider it. A committee from each side will then confer about further arrangements. After yesterday's meeting Mr. Turner described the employers' proposals as exceedingly impressive and that the Trades Union would accept them with unanimity.—British Wireless Service.

## GERMAN POLITICS.

### MINISTER FOR DEFENCE RESIGNS.

### CRISIS INOPPORTUNE.

Berlin, Yesterday. Dr. Gessler, Minister for Defence, has resigned. It is learned in political circles that President von Hindenburg and the Cabinet have been trying for some time to persuade Dr. Gessler to retain his portfolio but go on sick leave because the elections are not distant and a Cabinet crisis at present is generally regarded as inopportune.—Reuter.

## ARMS FOR CHINA.

### PURCHASE BY THE PEKING GOVERNMENT.

### GERMANY'S POSITION.

Berlin, Yesterday. In view of suggestions that arms aboard the steamer "Praga," which arrived at Manila en route to China came from Krupp's, Hamburg shipping circles point out that these weapons actually came from a Czechoslovak arms factory at Bruenn and were purchased by the Peking Government. Germany was concerned only with their transit through German territory.—Reuter.

## PRAYER BOOK.

Intentions Of House Of Bishops.

### A NEW MEASURE.

Changes Tended To Remove Misapprehensions.

London, Yesterday. After three days' meeting of Bishops at Lambeth Palace to discuss the course to be taken following the House of Commons rejection of the new Prayer Book, it is officially announced that the House of Bishops has agreed to a measure for the introduction of a National Church Assembly forthwith which will contain such changes as may tend to remove misapprehensions and make clearer and more explicit the intentions and limitations of the original measure. It is hoped that the new measure will be in the hands of members of the Church Assembly and available to the public on January 21.—Reuter.

## THOMAS HARDY.

LAST NATIONAL HONOUR AT WESTMINSTER.

### WIDOW AGREES.

Rugby, Yesterday. The cremated remains of Mr. Thomas Hardy will be buried in Westminster Abbey on Monday afternoon. The consent of the Dean of Westminster was promptly given, after a conference with some of the dead writer's closest friends, including Sir James Barrie, and the proposal was telegraphed to Mrs. Hardy who accepted on the ground that although her husband had expressed a wish to be buried in Stinsford Churchyard near his home, the nation's desire in the matter must be obeyed. General satisfaction is expressed that this last national honour should be accorded to him.—British Wireless Service. Relatives Disappointed. London, Yesterday. Thomas Hardy's heart will be buried in the Churchyard of Stinsford, Dorset, and his body in Westminster Abbey. This step is being taken out of regard for many writers and relatives who are disappointed at the fact that Mr. Hardy's personal wish is not respected, namely, that he should be buried at Stinsford (the Mellstock of his novels), where his father, mother, and first wife are interred.—Reuter. Near To Dickens. Rugby, Yesterday. It is stated officially that the remains of Mr. Thomas Hardy, which will be buried in Westminster Abbey on Monday afternoon, will lie next to those of Charles Dickens.—British Wireless Service.

## BRITISH TREASURY.

LOSS CAUSED BY HONG KONG OPERATIONS.

### HEAVY REQUIREMENTS.

London, Yesterday. The transactions of the Treasury Chest Fund, Account for 1928 resulted in a net loss of £16,000, according to the Auditor-General's report, which is due almost entirely in connection with operations with Hong Kong where business was adversely affected by the continuous fall of the dollar between April and December and caused substantial loss on the conversion of dollar balances into sterling. This is only partly offset by subsequent appreciation and secondly, towards the end of the year when the dollar was appreciating and requirements of the chest were abnormally heavy owing to disturbances in China and the loss incurred owing to the official rate for the issue of dollars at the station being lower than the rate at which the dollars were purchased.—Reuter.

## AIR MAILS.

UNITED STATES TO SOUTH AMERICA.

Washington, Yesterday. Postmaster General New has urged Post Office Committee representatives to extend the American air mail lines to South America along the routes down by Col. Lindbergh.—Reuter.

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